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DECEMBER 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- DEC. 3, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NWD). Leader: Roland Olderog. Observers: Alan and Dee Hay, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly sunny; calm-light breeze; 22° to 41° F.) 6 hrs.; 23 mi. (21 species, 1256 individuals).
- 4, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Dan Bridges, Warren Finch, Alan Hay, John Leonard, Duane Nelson, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed. (Clear; 33° to 50° F. wind S.W. 5-15 mph). 5 hrs.; 26 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (35 species, 1017 individuals).
- 10, Saturday. Lower South Platte: Precount for Area 4a (LSP). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Dan Bridges, Peggy Duffy, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Dave LaLiberte, Floyd Pendell, Don and Jo Shrode. (Fair to partly cloudy; 30° to 46° F.; wind calm to light breeze.) 6 3/4 hrs. 60 mi. by car, 1 1/2 mi. on foot (46 species, 2094 individuals).

- DEC. 11, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Dan Bridges, Norma and Joe Shwed. (Mostly clear; 25° to 45° F.; winds 0-10 mph). 3 hrs.; 52 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. Lake virtually devoid of waterfowl. (20 species, 333 individuals).
- 17, Saturday. DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT. (See attached compilation).
- 19, Monday. Boulder area: Boulder Creek at 75th St., north Boulder area surrounding Haystack Mt. (BLD). Observers: Larry Halsey, Doug and Judy Ward. (Overcast; approx. 10° F.; light winds). 2½ hrs.; 15 mi. by car, ½ mi. on foot. (41 species, 429 individuals).
- 26, Monday. Northwest section of Barr Lake Christmas Count (BARR). Observers: Alan Bell, Larry Halsey, Doug and Judy Ward. (Overcast; 20° to 35° F.; wind mostly calm). 9½ hrs.; 60 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (40 species, 2537 individuals).

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	3 NWD Pln	4 CCRA Plns	10 LSP Pln	11 BARR Plns	19 BLD Pln	26 BARR Plns
Common Loon			1			
Pied-billed Grebe			10			
Western Grebe		1	4			
Great Blue Heron			3			
Canada Goose	434	250	720	130	15	32
Wood Duck	6		1			
Green-winged Teal			6		12	5
Mallard	248	10	51		1	95
Northern Pintail			8			
Northern Shoveler	44	2ma				
American Wigeon	13		24			
Redhead	28		6			
Ring-necked Duck	21		3			1ma
Lesser Scaup	3		3			
Oldsquaw		1ma				
*Common Goldeneye	3	85	7			
Bufflehead		1ma	2			
Common Merganser		200	5			8ma
Red-breasted Merganser			1			
Bald Eagle					2ad	1imm
Northern Harrier		1fe		2	2fe	3m4f
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1			
Northern Goshawk					1ad	
Red-tailed Hawk			2			
"Western" races		1a1i			15	10
"Harlan's" race						1
Ferruginous Hawk					5	2
Rough-legged Hawk					5	7
Buteo species			1			
Golden Eagle					1ad	
American Kestrel		3	3		4	4
Merlin		1fe				1
Prairie Falcon					1	3
Ring-necked Pheasant		13		4		6
American Coot	15	1	24			
Killdeer			2	1	5	
Common Snipe					4	
Ring-billed Gull	173	125	300			1
Herring Gull		2	1		1	
Rock Dove	120	8	98		4	96

*Barrow's Goldeneye

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	3 NWD Pln	4 CCRA Plns	10 LSP Pln	11 BARR Plns	19 BLD Pln	26 BARR Plns
Eastern/Western Screech Owl (?)			1			
Great Horned Owl		2ad	3		1	
Belted Kingfisher			5		2	1
Downy Woodpecker			1	2	1	2
"Batchelder's" race		2ma				
Northern Flicker						
"Red-shafted" race	9	3	16	3	7	15
Horned Lark		35		5		910
Blue Jay	1	1	6		2	10
Black-billed Magpie	40	20	32	13	8	105
American Crow			1		2	
Black-capped Chickadee			4	38		4
<u>Eastern Bluebird</u>					3	
Townsend's Solitaire					1	1
American Robin			27		10	12
Water Pipit		1			4	
Bohemian Waxwing					150	
Northern Shrike				1		
European Starling	44	75	483	6	35	280
<u>Yellow-rumped Warbler</u> ("Audubon's")					1	
American Tree Sparrow		5	11	7	25	18
Song Sparrow	1	10	9	5	6	37
White-throated Sparrow						1
White-crowned Sparrow		2imm	7	2		40
Harris' Sparrow			1			
Dark-eyed Junco	5			66	15	
"Slate-colored" race	1	1	1			2
"Oregon" race		4	7			13
"Gray-headed" race			2			
Lapland Longspur						105
<u>Snow Bunting</u>						20
Red-winged Blackbird		4	30	9	7	25
Western Meadowlark		13		5	3	95
<u>Rusty Blackbird</u>					1	
Brewer's Blackbird					2	3
Common Grackle						1
Rosy Finch						
"Gray-crowned" race					30	
House Finch	24	50	46	28	10	155
Pine Siskin		2				
American Goldfinch		6	17	4	15	2
Evening Grosbeak			2			
House Sparrow	22	75	94	2	10	400
TOTAL SPECIES: 75	21	35	46	20	4	40

ABBREVIATIONS: Pln, plns = plains; a, ad = adult; m, ma = male, f, fe = female; i, imm = immature.

(?) by Eastern/Western Screech Owl provided by trip leader

DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

DECEMBER 1983 ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Snow Goose 12/18 (1 ad., "white" form) Valmont Res., Boulder Co. (DW).
Blue-winged Teal species 12/26 (1 fe) near Barr Lake (DW). Details have been submitted to Records Committee.
Oldsquaw all month (1 ma.) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Red-breasted Merganser 12/5 (1 ma.) Valmont Res. (DW); 12/11 (1 fe) Cherry Creek Res. (JR); 12/18 (3ma, 1fe) Valmont Res. (DW).
Bald Eagle 12/30 (1 ad) north of Boulder; (1 ad) Valmont Res. (DJW); 12/31 (1 ad) Rd. 1 and Hwy. 52, Morgan Co. (JR).
Sharp-shinned Hawk 12/18 (1 ad) near Baseline Res. (DW).
Northern Goshawk 12/18 (1 ad) Cherry Creek Recreation Area (JR).
Merlin 12/11 (1 "Richardson's" race) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (JR); 12/20 (1 ma, "Richardson's" race) 9224 Baseline Rd., Boulder Co. (JLH, DJW).
Virginia Rail 12/26 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DB).
Common Snipe 12/18 (16) Bijou Creek, Morgan Co. (JR).
Hermit Thrush 12/18 (1) Muir Springs (JR) (Also seen on Boulder Christmas Count same day)
Golden-crowned Kinglet 12/30 (1) Magnolia Rd., Boulder Co. (DJW); 12/31 (2) Sterling (J)
Cedar Waxwing 12/24 (100) Boulder Public Library (DJW).
Bohemian Waxwing 12/24 (175) Boulder Public Library (DJW).
White-throated Sparrow 12/18 (2 ad, 1 imm) Muir Springs (JR); 12/26 (1 imm) 4450 So. Alton St. (JR); 12/31 (1 imm) Muir Springs (JR).
Snow Bunting 12/20 (6) so. of Chatfield; (1) near Dacono (JLH, DJW); 12/20 (1) Tamarac Ranch (RG); 12/30 (1) 65th St. and Nelson Rd., Boulder Co. (DJW).
Yellow-headed Blackbird 12/23 455 Dover, Denver (WF).
BRAMBLING 12/17 on (1) east Boulder (MF, m.ob.) Due to plumage differences, this is apparently not the same bird seen previously in Colorado Springs.
Rosy Finch 12/20 (5) Tamarac Ranch (RG); 12/24 (15 "gray-crowned") between 75th and 95th on Baseline Rd. (DJW); 12/28-29 (2 "gray-crowned") Littleton (BF).
Pine Grosbeak 12/10 (8) No. Turkey Creek (WF).
Evening Grosbeak 12/23 (5) 9224 Baseline Rd., Boulder Co. (DW).

CONTRIBUTORS: Dan Bridges (DB), Warren Finch (WF), Marge Foland (MF), Bobbye Frazier (B), Robert Gustafson (RG), Jeanne and Larry Halsey (JLH), Jack Reddall (JR), Doug and Judy Ward (DJW).

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

NOTE OF THANKS: We in D.F.O. wish to thank Paul Rechel for all his time and effort in organizing the 1983 Christmas Bird Count. We are also indebted to Kathy Hawkins and Jack Reddall for compiling and making sense out of all the numbers. Despite the freezing weather and the low count, the laughing--though still stiff from the cold--faces at the dinner indicated a success, which just goes to show that birdwatchers are . . . or something.

OLD JOURNALS AVAILABLE: Alan Hay (422-0239) is willing to donate to anyone interested five old issues of "The Wilson Bulletin" published by the Wilson Ornithological Club: Vol. 51, Dec., 1939 (No. 4); Vol. 52, Mar., 1940 (No. 1); Vol. 52, June, 1940 (no. 2); Vol. 52, Sept., 1940 (No. 3); Vol. 52, Dec., 1940 (No. 4).

BEGINNERS' BIRD WATCHING CLASS: Two evening sessions, six field trips; beginning March 5; tuition \$75.00. Contact Urling or Hugh Kingery (333-0161).

"BIRDS IN ART" EXHIBIT: An outstanding display of paintings and sculpture by world-renowned artists will open to the public Feb. 1 at the Denver Museum of Natural History, Assistance League Gallery, third floor, and run until Mar. 18. Hours: 9a.m. to 5 p.m.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE, FEBRUARY 1984

- FEB. ✓ 4, Saturday. PLUM CREEK, CASTLE ROCK, CASTLEWOOD. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, Hampden & So. Logan. Meet leader at 8:00 A.M. across from Pete's Place in Sedalia. *
- ✓ 5, Sunday. WINDSOR LAKE and FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). ½ day. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Mortuary on Quebec, south of Alameda. Lunch optional.
- ✓ 11, Saturday. WINTER FEEDER TOUR: Littleton, Deer Creek and Turkey Creek. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Carpool at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F, Hampden and Sheridan or at 8:00 A.M. at Woodlawn Shopping Center, southeast corner of Windemere and Main St., Littleton. * Bring bird feed.
- ✓ 12, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at north lot, Denver Museum of Natural History. * Get 1984 State Parks Pass.
- ✓ 18, Saturday. GEORGETOWN, GUANELLA PASS. Rosy Finches and Ptarmigan, other mountain birds. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot. *
- ✓ 19, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8597). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F, Sheridan and Hampden or at 8:30 A.M. at west entrance to Park. *
- ✓ 25, Saturday. BEAR CREEK: Plains to Mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at Bear Valley Center, southwest of May D&F, Sheridan and Hampden, at 8:00 A.M. *
- ✓ 26, Sunday. JEFFCO RAMBLINGS: Ponds and Cemeteries. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 8:30 A.M., Sloans' Lake, 25th and Sheridan. *

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer (279-4682)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Field Trip Arrangers

* BRING LUNCH.

RARE BIRD ALERT: 759-1060

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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT
1983 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Jack Reddall, Compiler

Kathy Hawkins, Co-compiler

Hugh Kingery, Co-compiler

December 17, 1983: 6:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Morning: Overcast, light snow. Afternoon: Overcast, light snow. Temperature: 18° falling to 0°. Wind: From the northeast, 0-10 MPH. Snow Cover: 1" to 24". Fresh Water: Partly open. Wild Food Crop: Fair. Observers: One hundred and fifty (109 in 29 parties with 41 at feeders). Total Party Hours: 206.5 (119 on foot, 87.5 by car). Total Party Miles: 736 (103 on foot, 633 by car). TOTALS: 93 species with 5 additional races. About 26,330 individuals.

An extremely cold day which made bird-watching on this our 30th annual count somewhat difficult to say the least. As a result, the total species count (93) fell below the century mark for the first time since 1979 (when 98 species were found) and for only the second time since 1970 when we scored 100 species for the first time in our present Count circle. Recent lumping of the Juncos and the Rosy Finch hasn't helped either. One new species was added to the Count summary this year, a Brown-headed Cowbird found by Doug Ward. This brings the grand total number of species recorded during the past 30 years to 163. While the species count was down this year, we did account for a respectable number of individuals-about 26,330 in total, which was the fifth highest total over the past thirty years. New maximum individual numbers were achieved for nine species: Bald Eagle-5, Red-tailed Hawk (all races)-48, Ferruginous Hawk-6, Horned Lark-867, Blue Jay-81, Rufous-sided Towhee-83, Dark-eyed Junco ("Slate-colored" race)-462, Lapland Longspur-20 and Snow Bunting-12. The ten most numerous species counted this year were: Canada Goose-8146, Dark-eyed Junco (all races)-1910, European Starling-1661, Ring-billed Gull-1655, Black-billed Magpie-1277, Mallard-1232, American Tree Sparrow-1114, House Finch-1012, House Sparrow-974 and Horned Lark-867. And, last but not least, the 150 observers participating this year was the second highest ever, being surpassed only in 1981 with 154.

A summary of the 1983 Denver Christmas Bird Count on an Area-by-Area basis follows

PARTICIPANTS BY AREA (Leaders underlined)

- AREA 1: Red Rocks Park (RRP). Winston William Brockner, Roger Loewi, Kathy Munthe, Else and Tom VanErp.
- AREA 2: Lower Bear Creek (LBCK). Robert Spencer, Irma Appelgren, Roberta Ausphal, D.W. King, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock.
- AREA 2A: Bear Creek Reservoir (BCR). Kathy Hawkins, Judy Ward.
- AREA 3: BowMar (BMAR). Drew Grainger, Chuck Hulbert, Hal Hulbert, Laura Hulbert, Diane Koshak, Terry Ruiter.
- AREA 4A: Lower South Platte (LSPR). Ruth Wheeler, Ruth Breckon, Peggy Duffy Irene Grenier, Betty Gutke, Ed Holub, Freda Krolik, Dave LaLiberte, Alan Lavery, Floyd Pendell, Vivian Pliler, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed, Ken Watts.
- AREA 4B: Lower South Platte (LSPR). Dick Pratt, Mary Jane Black, Mollie Graves, Bob Robinson.
- AREA 5: Highline Ditch (HILD). Doug Ward, Laurens Halsey.
- AREA 6: Plum Creek PCK). Fred Hager, John Bregar.
- AREA 7A: Middle South Platte (MSP). David Hutchinson, Becky Hutchinson.

- AREA 7B: Middle South Platte (MSP). Hugh Kingery, Ann Bonnell, David Dominick, Kathy Hirst, Urling Kingery, Barbara Livingston, Deb Ostergard, Allen Stokes, Betsy and Charlie Visser.
- AREA 8: Chatfield Reservoir (CHAT). Frank and Jan Justice, John and Joyce Cooper, Don and Lee Johnson, Tina Jones, Jackie King, Ken Lane, Jack Reddall.
- AREA 9: Upper South Platte (USP). Jerome Besser, Blake Besser.
- AREA 10: Lower Deer Creek (LDC). Lynn Willcockson, Patty Echelmeyer, Ken LaBorde, Ellie Walker.
- AREA 11: Upper Deer Creek (UDC). Ben Moore, Carol Jones, Kate Romary, Sally Wentzel.
- AREA 12: Yegge Peak (YPK). John Leonard, Wade Leitner, Steven Sieders.
- AREA 13: Doublehead Mountain (DHM). Bob Righter, Kij and Sandy Westendorf.
- AREA 14: North Turkey Creek (NTC). Warren Finch, Bill Gillespie, Randy Pullen.
- AREA 15A: Indian Hills (IHL). Duane Nelson, David Martin.
- AREA 15B: Indian Hills (IHL). Dick Schottler.
- AREA 16: Upper Bear Creek (UBC). Cal Wichern, Judy and Rob Kaufmann.
- AREA 17: Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR). Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Kieth Ketner, Bob Montgomery Mark Montgomery, Marty Montgomery, Ed Morey, Betty and Harold Oliver, Mort Staatz, Nancy Zavitz.
- AREA 18: Garrison Gate (GGT). Paul Rechel.
- AREA 19: Morrison-Willow Brook Estates (MWE). Carol Hack, Fern Hack.
- AREA 20: Willow Creek (WCK). Philip Hayes, Mark Heifner.
- AREA 21: Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MTL). Walter Bull, Ruth Bull.
- FEEDERS: Duncan Beaton, Faye Benway, Gay S. Bishop, Ann and Mary Ann Bonnell, Margo Breen, Mrs. John R. Buchtel, Donald M. Clark, Julie Derschang, Joseph and Vergie Dooley, Valerie J. Dooley, Ruby Ebright, Polly Fields, Bobbye Frazier, Jerome S. Grutza, Marie and Norm Kautze, Dick and Jinner Kithil, Lila Kint, Linda LaBorde, Barbara Livingston, Christy Martin, Dick Masteller, Jack McGrath, Edwin D. McKee, Grace B. McKinney, Doris and Harold McLaughlin, M.S. M'Gillycuddy, Dianne Middents, Mary Nigro, Nonie Ragsdale, Nita Sarver, Anne Southcott, David Stephenson, Marian True, Holly Vogt, Donald Wargo, Helen Waters.

PART ONE

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCR	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HILD	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CHAT	9 USP	10 LDC	U
Pied-billed Grebe											5			
Red Grebe											1			
Western Grebe											3			
Great Blue Heron		2			1	3		1	11	1				
Canada Goose		1812	198	2190	203	1183	360	35	1513		275		75	
Wood Duck					1	24								
Green-winged Teal		19			3	6		14	5	13				
Wallard		270	35	270	153	150	5	21	115	103	26	2	6	
Northern Pintail		15		6	23				1					
Northern Shoveler		2		6	1	12			1					
Radwall		16	13		2	18			2					
American Wigeon		104		12	2	15			1		1			

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PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCR	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HILD	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CHAT	9 USP	10 LDC	U
Marsh Wren							1							
American Dipper		1	3						14	6				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1								1					
Townsend's Solitaire	16		1									8	11	
American Robin	19	29		24	27	1						9	14	
Water Pipit			2							1				
Cedar Waxwing		3					5					21		
Northern Shrike										1	1			
European Starling	3	351	5	45	165	19	11		161	7	20		2	
Rufous-sided Towhee	4	1	3		1		1			2		2	9	
Am. Tree Sparrow	1	56	120	8	19	75	105	57	347	123	130		6	
Song Sparrow	1	29	35		14	11	4	19	128	33	12	11	8	
White-thr. Sparrow									1		1			
White-cr. Sparrow		7	3		4		8			2			16	
Harris' Sparrow			1							2			1	
Dark-eyed Junco											15			
"White-wing." race	3								3					
"Slate-color" race	5	8	12		1		12		83	6		4	2	
"Oregon" race	18	37	25	6	10		38		17	8		13	54	
"Gray-headed" race	16	13			12		2		6			5	34	
Junco sp.					12	5				34				
Lapland Longspur							20							
Snow Bunting							12							
Red-winged Blackbird		171			3		13							
Western Meadowlark		2		15			9						11	
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD							1ma							
Rosy Finch														
"Gray-crown" race	46						9							
"Black" race	6													
Jassin's Finch	6													
House Finch	15	29			82	9	6			2				
Pine Siskin			2						2	1			5	
American Goldfinch		6			8		1		131	15				
Evening Grosbeak						21								
House Sparrow		130		2	142	10	65		2				2	
TOTAL SPECIES	23	41	30	26	40	40	33	19	46	38	37	17	33	
RACES	4	3	2	0	2	0	3	0	4	1	0	2	2	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	266	3425	570	2724	1304	3273	1323	245	3515	569	1038	109	372	11

PART TWO

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15A IHL	15B IHL	16 UBC	17 KCR	18 GGT	19 MWE	20 WCK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe														5
Pied-billed Grebe														1
Western Grebe														3
Great Blue Heron							1							20
Canada Goose							6			1		295		8146
Wood Duck														25
Green-winged Teal														60
Ballard							6		2			68		1232

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15A IHL	15B IHL	16 UBC	17 KCR	18 GGT	19 MWE	20 WCK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Northern Pintail														45
Northern Shoveler														22
Gadwall														51
American Wigeon														135
Canvasback														19
Redhead														61
Ring-necked Duck														73
Lesser Scaup														6
Common Goldeneye										1				119
Bufflehead														19
Hooded Merganser														4
Common Merganser										9				280
Ruddy Duck														7
Bald Eagle														5
Northern Harrier														21
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1		4
Cooper's Hawk												1		2
Northern Goshawk														2
Red-tailed Hawk							4						1	16
"Western" race								1	1	4				27
"Harlan's" race														5
Ferruginous Hawk							1			2	1			6
Rough-legged Hawk						1								9
Buteo sp.														10
Golden Eagle							1							5
American Kestrel						2				7	2			37
Merlin											1			3
Prairie Falcon														4
Ring-necked Pheasant									1					42
American Coot														104
Killdeer														21
Common Snipe														16
Ring-billed Gull										1		2		1655
Herring Gull														10
Thayer's Gull														1
Gull sp.														35
Rock Dove		3		22			79			21	10	18		464
Eastern Screech-Owl												1		1
Great Horned Owl				1			1					3		24
Long-eared Owl														1
Belted Kingfisher					2									20
Downy Woodpecker		3	5		1				2			3	6	67
Hairy Woodpecker	7	4	2		1							1	9	26
Northern Flicker					1	2	20	2	5	4	1	32	2	215
Horned Lark							351							867
Steller's Jay	16	13	10	14	18	1		30	6				70	201
Blue Jay											3	58-?		81
Scrub Jay							15		11		4	10		62
Black-billed Magpie	5	7	10	3	11	10	25	2	57	36	17	68	10	1277
American Crow		30	35	23	1	6	21					2	1	587
Common Raven	3	3	3	1	5	3	15	1	6	2				60
Black-cap. Chickadee		2	3	3		2	2	6	3	1	4	39	25	317

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15A IHL	15B IHL	16 UBC	17 KCR	18 GGT	19 MWE	20 WCK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Mountain Chickadee	31	40	30	20	22	26		1	7			5	28	228
Red-br. Nuthatch	3		4	7	2								1	18
White-br. Nuthatch	4	7	2	3	3	4		1					14	43
Pygmy Nuthatch	15	6	20	28	14	36		3					16	139
Brown Creeper	1	1		6	4									20
Canyon Wren							1							3
Marsh Wren														1
American Dipper						1			6					31
Golden-cr. Kinglet	2			5	3									10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet														2
Townsend's Solitaire	4	1	1	9	2		11	5	4				1	77
American Robin			9	9			32	20	29		2	40	3	267
Water Pipit														3
Cedar Waxwing		1												30
Northern Shrike														2
European Starling	1		4	16			124		13	76		638		1661
Rufous-sided Towhee				3			15	3	8		1	17	9	83
Am. Tree Sparrow					4		2			3		48	4	1114
Song Sparrow							3		6	2		3		319
Lincoln's Sparrow									1					1
White-thr. Sparrow												1		3
White-cr. Sparrow												10	1	51
Harris' Sparrow														4
Dark-eyed Junco														15
"White-wing." race	1			4	1								31	43
"Slate-color" race	22	5	50	2	3	5	10		3	10	30	69	111	462
"Oregon" race	10	23	40	20	37	25	8	8	98	14	14	100	45	675
"Gray-headed" race	10	70	50	12	28		11	32	60	4	6	69	58	523
Junco sp.	22		30				54		35					192
Lapland Longspur														20
Snow Bunting														12
Red-winged Blackbird							4				1	436		628
Western Meadowlark							2					3		42
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD														1
Rosy Finch												36	7	43
"Gray-crown." race		4												59
"Black" race														6
Cassin's Finch	4	8	20			20							16	74
House Finch		10		8	29		12	8	13	13	34	728	14	1012
Red Crossbill		1		14		20								35
Pine Siskin		4	30			6			1			30	36	120
American Goldfinch	5		10									28		204
Evening Grosbeak	200	25	30		15							3	143	437
House Sparrow				2	6		35		9	23	8	538		974
TOTAL SPECIES	16	21	19	21	19	16	27	14	22	18	15	33	23	93
RACES	3	2	2	3	3	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	5
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	366	271	398	235	212	170	872	123	387	240	139	3404	662	26330

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JANUARY 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JAN. 2, Monday. Denver Metro Area: Cherry Creek Res., Castlewood Canyon State Park, Sedalia, Louviers, Waterton, Chatfield State Park, South Platte River at Englewood, McClelland Res., Prospect Lake (Wheatridge Greenbelt) (DEN).
Observers: Jack Reddall, Van Remsen. (Clear; 10° to 43° F.; Wind SW, 10-15 mph.) 10½ hrs.; 120 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (64 species, 4031 individuals).
- 7, Saturday. South Platte Urban Area (SP). Leader: Lyle W. Jordan. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Fred Gilkey, Peggy Gonder, Alan and Dee Hay, Jack Humphries, Marvel Jordan, Hazel Kellogg, Bob and Marty Montgomery, Deb Ostergard, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Mild; 32° to 50° F.; wind 0-5 mph.) 4 hrs.; 13 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (25 species, 549 individuals).
- 8, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Gay Bell, Ruth Breckon, Lori Chappell, Virginia Edens, Kathy Hawkins, Alan Hay, Bob Jickling, Don and Lee Johnson, David LaLiberte, Wade Leitner, John Leonard, Floyd Pendell, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Nonie Werbe, Vic Zerbi. (Clear; 32° to 53° F.; wind SW, 0-5 mph.) 7 hrs.; 30 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (35 species, 2035 individuals).

- JAN. 9, Monday. Mountains west of Boulder: Flagstaff Rd. to Grosse Res., So. Boulder Creek, Coal Creek Canyon (BLD). Observers: Jeanne and Larry Halsey, Doug and Judy Ward. (Overcast, light snow; 20° to 35° F.; wind light). 6 hrs.; 55 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (22 species, 354 individuals).
- 14, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park, east on Bromley Lane (BARR). Leader: John Bregar. Observers: Phillip Campbell, Harry Mills, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; 5° to 15° F.; wind 10 mph.) 7½ hrs.; 40 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (24 species, 1692 individuals).
- 15, Sunday. Boulder Area: Boulder Creek, Valmont Reservoir, County roads. (BOLD). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Anna Dooling, Larry Halsey, Tina Jones, John Leonard, Peter Walch, Doug and Judy Ward. (Clear to partly cloudy; 5° to 18° F.; wind calm; dense fog on reservoir). 6 hrs.; 60 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (54 species, 3263 individuals).
- 21, Saturday. South Platte River, Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Bob Andrews, Jan Justice. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Dan Bridges, Jerry Cairo, Virginia Edens, Esther Holt (Maine), D.W. King, David LaLiberte, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly cloudy A.M., partly cloudy, P.M.; high of 37° F.; wind mostly calm.) 7 hrs.; 69 mi. by car. (41 species, 2401 individuals).
- 22, Sunday. Bear Creek Area (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Bob Jickling, Dan Bridges. (Partly cloudy, mild). 5½ hrs.; 24 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot. (27 species, 198 individuals).
- 28, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt (WG). Leader: David Martin. Observers: Ruth Breckon, John Hannum, Ed Holub, Ethyl and Jack Humphries, Bill Huntley, Barbra Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, John Leonard, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; 35° to 55° F.). 6½ hrs.; 6 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (30 species, 2194 individuals).
- 29, Sunday. Red Rocks Park Area. (No report received).

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	2 DEN Pl/Ft	7 SP Pl	8 CCRA Plns	9 BLD Mts	14 BARR Plns	15 BOLD Plns	21 CHAT Plns	22 BC Pl	28 WG Plns
Pied-billed Grebe	2	1				4	2		
Western Grebe			1			9			
Great Blue Heron	1	1				7	3		
Black-crowned Night Heron		9				4			
Canada Goose	430	240	200		12	1650	1180	29	1800
Green-winged Teal	15	5				3	6	11	2
Mallard	400	50	80		3	650	115	30	44
Northern Pintail		2			6	40	3	2	
Northern Shoveler	160	24				90	35	3	5
Gadwall	70	10				2	10	3	
American Wigeon	36	14				6	50		40
Redhead									8
Ring-necked Duck	2m1f					25			
Greater Scaup	2m								1
Lesser Scaup	6	5				1			9
Oldsquaw	1m		1m						
Common Goldeneye	35	24	60			25	10	1	21
Bufflehead	6m1f	4					2		
Hooded Merganser	7m	4					5		
Common Merganser	235		250				80	2	31

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	2 DEN Pl/Ft	7 SP Pl	8 CCRA Plns	9 BLD Mts	14 BARR Plns	15 BOLD Plns	21 CHAT Plns	22 BC Pl	28 WG Plns
Red-breasted Merganser	1m					4	1m		9
Bald Eagle	1			1im			1		
Northern Harrier					3f1m	3		1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1				1	
Cooper's Hawk								1	
Red-tailed Hawk				3					
"Western" races	9		2				5	2	2
"Harlan's" race	1				1			1	
Ferruginous Hawk			1a		5				
Rough-legged Hawk					4	6			
Buteo species						2	1		
Golden Eagle	2a								
American Kestrel	3		1m		1f	5	7	2	1
Prairie Falcon	1								
Ring-necked Pheasant	25		6		2	2	15		
American Coot	6	1				9			18
Killdeer						2	1		
Greater Yellowlegs									1
Common Snipe	2		1			2			2
Ring-billed Gull	1650	48	1000			166	400		25
Herring Gull	35	1	30			30	75		
Thayer's Gull	11m		1im			1im	3		
Glaucous Gull			1im			1im			
Rock Dove	100	42	6		20	75	12	11	19
Common Barn-Owl						1			
Eastern Screech-Owl	1(H)		3						
Great Horned Owl									
Northern Pygmy-Owl				1					
Belted Kingfisher	2	1				3	3	1	2
Downy Woodpecker	2			1	3	3	3	2	4
Hairy Woodpecker	2			4					
Northern Flicker									
"Red-shafted" race	4	5	3			7	1	6	4
Horned Lark	60		4		1500	25	45		
Steller's Jay	2			11					
Blue Jay	2		1			4		1	
Scrub Jay	8								
Clark's Nutcracker				1					
Black-billed Magpie	110	30	20	9	20	22	25	12	51
American Crow	40					6	200		24
Common Raven	9			2			2		
Black-capped Chickadee	20		2	2	12	2	11	18	3
Mountain Chickadee	10			40					
Bushtit	10								
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8			11					
White-breasted Nuthatch	5			3					
Pygmy Nuthatch				35					
Brown Creeper	1			2	1	2	1	4	1
Canyon Wren	2								
Winter Wren						1			
American Dipper	2					4	1	1	4
Townsend's Solitaire	13		1	11		1	1		

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	2 DEN Pl/Ft	7 SP Pl	8 CCRA Plns	9 BLD Mts	14 BARR Plns	15 BOLD Plns	21 CHAT Plns	22 BC Pl	28 WG Plns
American Robin	13		8	15		12			
Bohemian Waxwing				100					
Cedar Waxwing			150			6			
Northern Shrike	11m		11m				1	1	
European Starling	300	20	25		5	95	40	26	30
Rufous-sided Towhee	3m								
American Tree Sparrow	18		4		10	50	20		
Song Sparrow	20	1	5		11	4	16	2	6
White-crowned Sparrow	10		11m		11m	18			
Dark-eyed Junco	36								
"White-winged" race				8					
"Slate-colored" race				13		4		2	
"Oregon" race			15	2		8	4	8	
"Gray-headed" race						3			
Lapland Longspur					5				
Snow Bunting					4				
Red-winged Blackbird	15	1	11			24	2	15	20
Western Meadowlark					2	4			
Brewer's Blackbird						8			
Rosy Finch									
"Gray-crowned" race				35					
"Brown-capped" race				35					
BRAMBLING						1			
Cassin's Finch	7			3					
House Finch	25		115	3		34		2	5
Red Crossbill				8					
Pine Siskin	2								
American Goldfinch	1		5		30	17			
House Sparrow	30	6	20		30	73			
TOTAL SPECIES: 91	64	25	35	22	24	54	41	27	30

ABBREVIATIONS: Pl, plns = plains; Ft = foothills;
mts = mountains; a, ad = adult; i, im = immature;
f, fe = female; m, ma = male; (H) = heard only

JANUARY 1984 ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Western Grebe (all month-1) Cherry Creek Res.(JR);(all month - up to 9) Valmont Res.(DW)
Black-cr. Night Heron 1/7 (3) So. Platte @ W. Jewell (FJJ); 1/31 (1a, 1i) Arvada, no.
of I-70 (PE).
Tundra Swan 1/4 (1) flying over Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).
Canvasback 1/2 (4) Valmont Res. (DW).
Redhead 1/2 (5) Walden Ponds (DW).
Greater Scaup 1/3 to end of month (1 ma.) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).
Oldsquaw (all month - 1ma) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Barrow's Goldeneye 1/21 (2m, 3f) Grand Lake (DN).
Hooded Merganser 1/2 (1 ma) Valmont Res. (DW); 1/12 (1 ma) Coors Pond (DN); all month
(3-5) So. Platte @ W. Evans (FJJ).
Red-breasted Merganser (all month - up to 17) Valmont Res. (DJW); 1/28 (2) McClellan
Res. (FJJ).
Bald Eagle 1/21 (1 im.) Jackson Res., Morgan Co. (JR); 1/22, 29 (1 ad.) just no. of
Chatfield Res. dam (JB).
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1/4 (1) Chatfield State Park (JB).
Cooper's Hawk 1/14 (1 im) 4450 So. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village (JR).

Merlin 1/1 (1 "Richardsons" race) near Weldona (LH,DN,DJW); 1/8-10 (1) 1034 S. Steele St. (CFH); 1/11 (1) Barr Lake State Park (JB).
Blue Grouse 1/28 (1) Coal Creek Canyon (DN).
Virginia Rail 1/15 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (PE).
Greater Yellowlegs 1/10 to end of month (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).
Thayer's Gull 1/8 (1 ad, 1 second yr.) Washington Park (DJW); 1/21 (1 ad) Valmont Res. (DW); all month (1, first winter) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Glaucous Gull 1/7 (1 first winter, 1 second winter) Cherry Creek Res. (LH, DJW); 1/29 (1 first winter) Valmont Res. (DW); all month (1, first winter) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
Mourning Dove 1/1 (1) Bijou Creek (LH,DN,DJW); 1/18 (2) 455 Dover (WF).
Short-eared Owl 1/18 (1) 1 1/2 mi. no. of Briggsdale, Weld Co. (LH,DW).
Horned Lark (1/18 (13,000+) all in immediate Nunn area (LH,DW).
Winter Wren 1/4 (2); 1/22 (1) Chatfield State Park (JB).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1/4 (1) Chatfield State Park (JB); 1/28 (1) 455 Dover (WF).
Cedar Waxwing 1/21 (40) Cherry Creek Village (JR).
Northern Shrike 1/4 (1) Chatfield State Park (JB).
White-throated Sparrow 1/1 (1 im) Muir Springs (LH,DN,DJW); all month (1 im) 4450 So. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village; 1/21 (1 ad.) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).
Harris' Sparrow 1/21 (1) 7675 E. Mercer Pl., Denver (JB).
Snow Bunting 1/1 (2) near Barr Lake (LH,DN,DJW); 1/7 (1 fe) Co. Rds. 144 & 28N, Adams Co. (JR); 1/11 (5) just south of Prospect Res. (JB); 1/18 (1) near Purcell, Pawnee National Grasslands (LH,DW); 1/21 (1m, 2f) Co. Rds. 144 & 28N, Adams Co. (JR).
Rusty Blackbird 1/21 (2 ma) Colo. Hwy. 144 @ Bijou Creek, Morgan Co. (JR).
Brewer's Blackbird 1/1 (25) near Weldona (LH,DN,DJW).
Common Grackle 1/1 (1) Hudson, (1) near Weldona (LH,DN,DJW); 1/28 (1) 455 Dover (WF).
Rosy Finch 1/18 (185) Pawnee National Grasslands (LH,DW).
Pine Grosbeak 1/7 (12) Magnolia Rd., Boulder Co. (DN,DM).
Purple Finch 1/4 (1 ma) Chatfield State Park (JB).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH, 1984

- MARCH ³ ✓, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at West Gate, Cherry Creek Park. *
- ✓ 4, Sunday. SO. PLATTE URBAN AREA. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at So. Federal and Belleview, west of King Soopers. 1/2 day.
- ✓ 10, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *
- ✓ 11, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet in Boulder at 8:30 A.M. at the International House of Pancakes, Broadway and Baseline. Or carpool at 7:45 A.M. at Wheatridge Methodist Church, 8th Ave. and Wadsworth, south lot. *
- ✓ 12, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Nesting Owl Search. (Other birds, too.) Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan and Hampden, southwest of May-D&F. *
- ✓ 18, Sunday. WINDSOR LAKE - FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY. Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode (341-1544). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the mortuary on Quebec south of Alameda. 1/2 day.
- ✓ 24, Saturday. BEAR CREEK (Plains to Mountains). Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F. *
- 24 & 25, Saturday and Sunday. NEBRASKA CRANE WATCH. Other species, too. Register by March 19. Exact number needed. Call Ruth Wheeler (455-3924) for tour reservations and details, carpool assistance. Tours start from Holiday Inn (room reservations, call toll free 1-800-465-4329) in Nebraska at I-80 and Hwy. 281 (400 miles from Denver). Saturday: Meet at 5:00 P.M. for slide show and tour to see cranes come in to roost. Sunday morning meet at 5:15 A.M. for tour.
- ✓ 31, Saturday. NORTHWEST LAKES. Leaders: Field Trip Coordinators. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Sloan's Lake, 25th and Sheridan. *

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Submitted by:

Robert Spencer (279-4682)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

Field Trip Coordinators

NOTE: April feature will be April 7 to Wray, Colorado, to see Greater Prairie Chickens. Plan now to leave Friday, April 6th, if possible. Details in next bulletin or call Dave Martin (422-9143).

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FEBRUARY 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

FEB. 4, Saturday. West Plum Creek to Castlewood Canyon (CAS). Leader: Paul Rechel.
Observers: Jerry Alliger, Henry and Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Dan Bridges, Virginia Ham, Maribeth Harris, Alan and Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Hal Rupp, Don and Jo Shrode, Tim Showalter, Ruth Wheeler. (Cool and sunny). 7 hrs.; 25 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (18 species, 172 individuals).

5, Sunday. Windsor Lake, Fairmount Cemetery (FAIR). Leader: Kathy Hawkins.
Observers: Barby Carey, Ila Clark, Lisa Hardy, Alan Hay, Herman Kretschmer, Bob and Marty Montgomery, Don and Jo Shrode, Toby Titman, Vito Tursi. (Clear; 30° to 45° F.; wind, 0-5 mph, north). 4 hrs.; 1 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot. (20 species, 288 individuals).

- FEB. 4-5, Saturday and Sunday. Bonny Reservoir, Baca County (Cottonwood Canyon), Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo (southeast Colo.: SECO). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Fair, light wind; 30° to 45°). 11 hrs.; 500 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (39 species, 1117 individuals).
- 11, Saturday. Feeders: Littleton, Deer Creek, Turkey Creek (FEED). Leaders: Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Roy and Cleta Abbott, Jerry Cairo Lisa Hardy, Maribeth Harris, Alan and Dee Hay, Don Johnson, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed, Vito Tursi. (Fair to partly cloudy; 32° to 40°F.; wind 0-15 mph). 7 hrs.; 50 mi. by car, ½ mi. on foot. (29 species, 443 individuals).
- 12, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake and Mile High Duck Club (BARR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Dan Bridges, William Brockner, Barby Casey, Virginia Edens, Warren Finch, Lisa Hardy, Paul Hess, Frank and Jan Justice, Rick and Peggy Salisbury, Tim Schowalter, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort Staaz. (Partly cloudy; 30° to 40° F.; wind 0-25 mph). 6½ hrs.; 60 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (26 species, 1,772 individuals).
- 18, Saturday. Georgetown and Guanella Pass (GRT). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Gavin Awerbuch (Mich.), Dan Bridges, Rex McGhee, Eric and Jennifer Wiebke (Md.). (Partly cloudy to cloudy; 30° F.; wind 5-10 mph). 6 hrs.; 30 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (21 species, 345 individuals).
- 19, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Don Johnson (for Dick Pratt). Observers: Bill Brockner, Phil and Dorothy Campbell (Calif.), Kent Holcomb. (Clear; 8° to 32° F.; wind calm). 4½ hrs.; 11 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot. (14 species, 167 individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Bear Creek (BEAR). Leader: Cal Withern. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Alan Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Rex McGehee, Don and Jo Shrode. (Partly cloudy; 30° to 40° F.) 6½ hrs.; 25 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot. (28 species, 254 individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Rocky Mt. Arsenal; Hudson, Orchard, Leffler Wildlife Refuge: East Central Colorado (ECCO). "Raptor Watch." Observers: Robert Andrews, Neyin Carl, D.W. King, Bob Strunk, Patty Echelmeyer. (Clear to cloudy; 29° to 38° F.; wind 15 mph). 6 hrs.; 195 mi. by car. (10 species (only raptors counted), 45 individuals).
- 26, Sunday. Jeffco Ramblings. (Trip cancelled due to inclement weather).

FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	4 CAS Ft	5 FAIR Plns	4-5 SECO Plns	11 FEED P/F	12 BARR Plns	18 GRT Mts	19 CHAT Plns	25 BEAR P-F	25 ECCO Plns
Great Blue Heron								1	
Canada Goose	75	68	80	40	1000		50	12	
Green-winged Teal							12	2	
Mallard		29	80	30	200	4	15	22	
Northern Pintail					150			12	
Northern Shoveler					2				
Gadwall					11				
American Wigeon				4					
Common Goldeneye		6						3	
Flooded Merganser								1	
Common Merganser			10						
Bald Eagle									3a2i
Northern Harrier			5		4			2	5f1m
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1					1	1
Red-tailed Hawk			3						
"Western" races	2		3		4		2	1	9

FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	4 CAS Ft	5 FAIR Plns	4-5 SECO Plns	11 FEED P/F	12 BARR Plns	18 GRT Mts	19 CHAT Plns	25 BEAR P-F	25 ECCO Plns
Ferruginous Hawk									
Rough-legged Hawk			3		2				
Buteo species									
Golden Eagle			2	2					1a
American Kestrel	1		6	1	5		1	2	2m
Merlin									1r
Prairie Falcon			2	1					
Ring-necked Pheasant			1		3				
Ring-billed Gull		19		2					
Rock Dove	3		35	7	6			10	
Eastern Screech-Owl				1					
Great Horned Owl			1		1			2	
Belted Kingfisher		1m							
Lewis' Woodpecker			9						
Ladder-backed Woodpecker			1						
Downy Woodpecker	1	2	3		4	2		5	
Hairy Woodpecker			1						
Northern Flicker									
"Red-shafted" race			6	3	2		2	12	
Horned Lark			475		3		20	20	
Gray Jay						2			
Steller's Jay				2		11			
Blue Jay	2			1	1				
Scrub Jay	8			5					
Clark's Nutcracker						3			
Black-billed Magpie	12	63		4	17	5	4	40	
American Crow	4		6	2			1(H)	6	
Common Raven	5			1		1	2		
Black-capped Chickadee	18	6		15	13	2	1	17	
Mountain Chickadee						3			
White-breasted Nuthatch			1						
Brown Creeper		3			4			3	
American Dipper						1			
Golden-crowned Kinglet		3							
Mountain Bluebird			8						
Townsend's Solitaire	2	1	4	1		2			
Hermit Thrush			1						
American Robin	3	23	135	37				2	
Brown Thrasher			1						
European Starling		14	20	50	25	1		25	
Rufous-sided Towhee	2		1	8					
Brown Towhee			5						
American Tree Sparrow			3	1	14		50		
Song Sparrow	1	3	3	1	3	1	6	7	
White-throated Sparrow			2						
White-crowned Sparrow			1						
Dark-eyed Junco	14								
"White-winged" race				3					
"Slate-colored" race				2		6		2	
"Oregon" race		6	10	328	23	1		1	
"Gray-headed" race				10				6	
Longspur species			25	1					
Red-winged Blackbird	18		70	3	1	250	1(H)	2	
Western Meadowlark		2	6		5				

FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	4 CAS Ft	5 FAIR Plns	4-5 SECO Plns	11 FEED P/F	12 BARR Plns	18 GRT Mts	19 CHAT Plns	25 BEAR Plns	25 ECCO Plns
Rosy Finch						190			
"Gray-crowned" race						3			
"Gray-crowned (Hepburn's)						4			
Cassin's Finch		24		100 1	3	12		16	
House Finch				8		6			
Pine Siskin			6	12	2			12	
American Goldfinch	1			21 4		13			
Evening Grosbeak		5	85	24	18	70			
House Sparrow									
TOTAL SPECIES: 70	18	20	39	29	26	21	14	28	10

ABBREVIATIONS: Plns=plains; Ft=foothills; Mts=mountains;
m,ma=males; f,fe=female; i,imm=immature;
(H)=heard only.

FEBRUARY 1984 ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Horned Grebe 2/5 (2) Valmont Res. (DW); 2/6 (1) 46th and Tabor St., Wheatridge (DM);
2/21 (?) Coors Pond, W. 32nd Ave. (AH).
Cinnamon Teal 2/26 (2) near Orchard (PE).
Hooded Merganser 2/11 (1m,1f) Sloan's Lake (DW); 2/26 (2m,2f) Baseline Res., Boulder (JW)
Red-breasted Merganser 2/11 (1m) Sloan's Lake (DW); 2/17 (3) So. Platte Park, Littleton
(FJJ); 2/21 (?) Coors Pond (AH).
Bald Eagle 2/7 (1ad,1imm.) Leffler Wildlife Easement (JC); 2/20 (1 ad) Chatfield (FJJ).
Cooper's Hawk 2/7 (1) Leffler Wildlife Easement (JC).
Northern Goshawk 2/25 (?) Chatfield (FJJ).
Ferruginous Hawk 2/7 (1) near Latham Res. (JC).
Merlin 2/7 (1 imm.) Rt. 34 near Greeley (JC); 2/25 (1 ad.ma.) Mesa Trail, Boulder (DW).
Gyr Falcon(?) 2/4 Sloan's Lake, "a possible escapee." (PE).
Prairie Falcon 2/25 (1) Coal Creek Canyon, "very pale, color of a Barn Owl, black
axillars." (JC).
Blue Grouse 2/12 (2ma,1fe.) Coal Creek Canyon at 9,000 ft. (DM,DN).
Greater Yellowlegs 2/29 (1) east of Prospect Park, Wheatridge Greenbelt (PE).
Eastern Screech-Owl 2/8 (3) Boulder Creek (DJW).
Short-eared Owl 2/1 (4) Boulder Res. (JC); 2/10,11,18 (2) 100th and Sims, Westminster
(DM,RR).
No. Saw-whet Owl 2/19 (2: 1 seen, 1 (H)) Castlewood Canyon (DM,DN).
Lewis' Woodpecker 2/5 (2) Castlewood Canyon (WL).
Canyon Wren 2/5 (2) Sunshine Canyon, Boulder (DW).
White-throated Sparrow 2/7 (1 imm.) Muir Springs, Morgan Co. (JC).
Dark-eyed Junco 2/26-27 (3 "White-winged" race) Parker, CO (TG)
Lapland Longspur 2/7 (1) Rt. 52 (JC).
Rosy Finch 2/18 (400) Vail, Eagle Co. (TS).
Pine Grosbeak 2/4 (4ma.,10 fe/imm) Vail (TS).
Common Redpoll 2/7 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan Co. (JC).
Evening Grosbeak 2/12 (20) Vail (TS).

CONTRIBUTORS: Jerry Cairo (JC); Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Therese Gregory (TG), Alan
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Judy Ward (JW).

NOTICES and REMINDERS

THANK YOU to the Denver Audubon Society for its generous contribution toward the Bird Alert System.

CAN YOU TYPE? We need a typist for the newsletter beginning August or September. If you can help out, call either Duane Nelson (642-7609) or Lynn Willcockson (757-7000).

MONTEREY, CALIF., PELAGIC TRIP: Robert Righter is organizing this trip to be held Oct. 4-7, 1984, which will include two days of birding the Monterey region and a day's pelagic trip. Cost will be approx. \$150.00 from San Francisco, part of which will be contributed to D.F.O. A \$30.00 deposit is required. If interested, call Bob (337-6434).

COSC and AUDUBON SOCIETY OF WESTERN COLORADO are sponsoring a trip to the Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area, Apr. 15, located near Canon City: a unique fishery, resident big horn sheep and great birding. If interested, contact John Stansfield (471-0712).

C.F.O. FIELD TRIP to see Greater and Lesser Prairie Chickens the weekend of Apr. 13-15. Limited to 24 people. Division of Wildlife personnel will participate. For sign-up and details, contact Vic Zerbi in Glenwood Springs (945-6017).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1984

✓ APR. 1, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at west gate. ½ day. Lunch optional.

— 6-7, Friday-Saturday. WRAY, CO.: Greater Prairie Chickens. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143). Meet Sat. morning at 5:30 A.M. at Sandhillier Motel (1-332-4134). (Suggest leaving Fri. and stay in Wray overnight; return Sat. possibly via Bonny Reservoir.) The Sandhillier is ½ mi. no. of Hwy. 34 on U.S. 385.

✓ 8, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK and VICINITY. Leader: John Bregar (741-3941). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *

✓ 14, Saturday. BOULDER-LONGMONT AREA LAKES. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th Ave. & Wadsworth, so. lot at 7:20 A.M. Meet leader at 8:00 A.M. where U.S. 287 jogs west at Lafayette City Park. *

✓ 15, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at the Park 'n Ride, Wadsworth, so. of U.S. 285 (Hampden). *

✓ 21, Saturday. LOVELAND-BERTHOUD AREA. Leader: Camille Cummings (1-532-2016). Carpool at Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th & Wadsworth, so. lot, at 7:00 A.M. Reassemble at 7:45 A.M. at corner north of Loveland where U.S. 287 turns east and joins with Hwy 56 toward Berthoud. There is a station here. *

✓ 22, Sunday. HAPPY EASTER.

✓ 28, Saturday. PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *

✓ 29, Sunday. BEAR CREEK AREA. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:00 A.M., DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, at Bear Creek Shopping Center, Sheridan & Hampden, s.w. of May D&F. *

Submitted by:

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MARCH 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MAR. 3, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Gay Bell, Henry and Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Dan Bridges, Warren Finch, Kathy Hawkins, Alan Hay, Bob Jickling, Hazel Kellogg, Wade Leitner, John Leonard, Rex McGehee, Floyd Pendell, Mary Jane Schock, Dick Schottler, Tim Schowalter. (Cloudy with heavy snow beginning in p.m.; 35° to 42° F.; wind, E, 5-15 mph.) 30 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 8 hrs. (45 species, 2972 individuals).
- 4, Sunday. South Platte Urban Area (SP). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observer: Virginia Edens. (Light snow; 20° to 24° F.; wind 5-10 mph.) 10 mi. by car, 1/2 mi. on foot; 2 hrs. (19 species, 214 individuals).
- 10, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Walter Bull. Observers: Alan and Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Carol Leasure, John Leonard, Lou and Earl Reuter, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear, sunny; 25° to 45° F.; wind 0-10 mph.) 52 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (37 species, 2816 individuals).
- 11, Sunday. Boulder Area: Chataqua Park, Gregory Canyon, Flagstaff Mt.; north Boulder area, Boulder Res., Swede Lakes, Baseline and Valmont Reservoirs (BOLD). Leader: Doug Ward. Observers: Dan Bridges, Alan Hay, Ken LaBorde, John Leonard, Duane Nelson, Dick Pratt, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort and Rosemary Staatz.

- MAR. 11, (Overcast; 35° to 45° F.; wind calm.) 50 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (58 species, 2191 individuals).
- 17, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Frank Justice. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Tom and Virginia Faxton, Mike Foster, Virginia Ham, Ed Holub, Carol Jones, Nancy Jones, Tina Jones, Betty and Harold Oliver, Dick Pautsch, Don and Jo Shrode, Helen Singer, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Vito Tursi, Irene (Grenier) Watts, Janet and Wayne Welch, Ruth Wheeler, Nelda Zimmerman. (Clear; 36° to 59° F.; wind light to moderate p.m.). 15 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 5½ hrs. (34 species, 400 individuals).
- 18, Sunday. Fairmount Cemetery, Windsor Lake (FAIR). Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Ila Clark, Mort Staatz. (Snowing; 27° F.). 1½ mi. on foot; 2 hrs. (18 species, 206 individuals).
- 24, Saturday. Bear Creek (BEAR). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Dorothy Dines, Mike Foster, Tim Fowler, Lisa Hardy, Vito Tursi. (Sunny; 30° to 55° F.) 25 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot; 6½ hrs. (31 species, 272 individuals).
- 23, Barr Lake to Julesberg; Prewitt, Jumbo, Jackson Res. and return (NECO). & Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Alan and Dee Hay, Don and Lee Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Floyd Pendell, Don and Jo Shrode, Arnold and Bonnie Silverman, Helen Tweedy, Ruth Wheeler. (Fair; 35° to 50° F., wind light). 400 mi. by car. (48 species, 26,133 individuals). (Compilation of two groups).
- 24-25, Saturday and Sunday. Platte Valley between Ogallala and Grand Island, Neb. (NEB). Observers: (Same as above). (Fair; 40° to 60° F., wind light.) (51 species, 54,068 individuals).
- 27, Monday. South Central Colorado (So. Turkey Creek to San Luis Valley via South Park) (SCCO). Observers: Larry Halsey and Doug Ward. (High plains: overcast, light snow; 15° to 35° F.; wind moderate. Mts.: heavy snow; 10° to 20° F.) 350 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 18 hrs. (60 species, 6162 individuals).
- 31, Saturday. Lakes and gravel pits in area from 26th Ave., to 100th Ave. between Sheridan, Tennyson and McIntyre Rd. (NWD). Leaders: Ruth Breckon, Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Marguerite Brock meyer, Lisa Hardy, Hazel Kellogg, Hal Rupp, Tim Schowalter, Don and Jo Shrode, Norma and Joe Shwed, Vito Tursi, Nelda Zimmerman. (Overcast; 32° to 36° F.; wind 8-12 mph.) 35 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 8 hrs. (37 species, 1212 individuals).

MARCH	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	23,26	24-25	27	31
AREA	CCRA	SP	BARR	BOLD	CHAT	FAIR	BEAR	NECO	NEB	SCCO	NWD
HABITAT	Plns	Pl	Plns	Pl-Ft	Plns	Plns	Plns	Plns	Plns	HP-Mt	Pln
Pied-billed Grebe		3	3	1							2
Horned Grebe	6		4	3	5	2			3		6
Hared Grebe				1							6
American White Pelican								1			
Great Blue Heron		1	2	1	40			35	53		1
Bl.-cr. Night Heron		1									4
Now Goose											
"White" form								3600			
"Blue" form								13			
undra Swan	5a5i										
anada Goose	40	85	296	12 14	42	2	12	887	48	45	155
ood Duck					5						
reen-winged Teal	125	4	44	6	30		2	650	11	185	8
allard	150	15	84	12	52	40	21	1250	74	265	184
orthern Pintail	450		770	3	8			700	652	46	
lue-winged Teal									2	2	
innamon Teal	1m		2	1m	2		1			65	3

MARCH AREA HABITAT	3 CCRA Plns	4 SP Pl	10 BARR Plns	11 BOLD Pl-Ft	17 CHAT Plns	18 FAIR Plns	24 BEAR Plns	23,26 NECO Plns	24-25 NEB Plns	27 SCCO HP-Mt	31 NWD Pln
Northern Shoveler		4	34		9			300	20	78	111
Gadwall	1m	26	6	10	10		2	238	125	305	7
American Wigeon	8	10	12	5	2		5	1515	26		7
Canvasback	3		8	5		3				30	3
Redhead	600		210	585				1670	2000	16	155
Ring-necked Duck	1m		1					476	630	25	5
Lesser Scaup	40	4	11	10		7		850	430	50	19
Common Goldeneye	45	18	7	2		35		184	7		3
Bufflehead								14	10	10	9
Hooded Merganser	1m										
Common Merganser	25	1	75	15	4	12		600	59		
Red-breasted Merganser	1m							1	16		
Ruddy Duck	3		3					2	2	25	
Duck species								7500	4700		
Bald Eagle				11	3			7	42		
Northern Harrier	1f			1m1f				1	2	4m9f	
Northern Goshawk	1a										1
*Swainson's Hawk									1		
Red-tailed Hawk								4	36		6
"Western" races	3		1	11	6		4			8	
"Harlan's" race											1
*"Krider's" race									3		
Ferruginous Hawk				1	1		1	1	4		
Rough-legged Hawk								1	2	4	
Buteo species								6	13		
Golden Eagle								1		11	
American Kestrel				4	5		7	30	27	8	4
Merlin										2	
Prairie Falcon				1			1			2	
Ring-necked Pheasant	4							1			
American Coot	3	3	4	25	19			124	15	35	47
Sandhill Crane									±40,000	1340±	
Whooping Crane										1a2i	
Killdeer					2			5	10	37	1
Baird's Sandpiper					1						
Common Snipe	2									2	
Franklin's Gull						1					
Ring-billed Gull	25	15	4	10	24	46	1	4500	1278	2	107
Herring Gull	2			1	1			5	13		33
California Gull											12
Gull species				20							30
Rock Dove	4	7		270	5		12	63	57		80
Mourning Dove								1	3		
Common Barn-Owl				1							
Great Horned Owl	2		1	1	5	1	2	1	1		1
Belted Kingfisher						2	2	3	4		2
Downy Woodpecker			4	1	2		3				
Northern Flicker	8	1		1	2	4	3	26	4		2
Horned Lark	2		2				12	239	21	1670	
Steller's Jay				22							3
Blue Jay	2			1			1		1		
Pinyon Jay										4	
Clark's Nutcracker											10
Black-billed Magpie	50	9	6	10	13	25	42	40	42	4	30

*No details.

MARCH	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	23,26	24-25	27	31
AREA	CCRA	SP	BARR	BOLD	CHAT	FAIR	BEAR	NECO	NEB	SCCO	NWD
HABITAT	Plns	Pl	Plns	Pl-Ft	Plns	Plns	Plns	Plns	Pln	HP-Mt	Pln
American Crow				3' 2	14				2061	303	2
Common Raven				1' 4				7		43	5
Black-capped Chickadee	4		32	1 4	12	1(H)	16	3	8		
Mountain Chickadee				20						3	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				8							
White-breasted Nuthatch				2							
Pygmy Nuthatch				5							
Brown Creeper			2	1			2				
Canyon Wren				2							
Marsh Wren										1	
American Dipper							1				1
Golden-cr. Kinglet				1m1f							
Eastern Bluebird									2		
Western Bluebird							9			15	
Mountain Bluebird	2m			235			26	6		155	6
Bluebird sp.										4	
Townsend's Solitaire				1 7						6	2
American Robin	7	1	1	2 8	7	2	8	40	61	48	14
Sage Thrasher										4	
Bohemian Waxwing				60							
Cedar Waxwing									15		
Northern Shrike										2	
European Starling	1000	6	4	230 15	15	2	12	147	156	275	28
Rufous-sided Towhee				1 2	1					2	
American Tree Sparrow	70		67	15	3				31		
Song Sparrow	3		2		1		6			1	
White-thr. Sparrow	11										
White-cr. Sparrow			1					8			
Dark-eyed Junco				25					9	23	8
"White-winged" race				1							
"Slate-colored" race	1			7			2				
"Oregon" race	6		8	11			3				
"Pink-sided" race				2 10							
"Gray-headed" race				3 50							
Alameda Longspur										2	
Red-winged Blackbird	30		1090	45	27	3	21	150	1000	135	115
Western Meadowlark	1		2	10	6		4	65	65	50	3
Great-tailed Grackle										1m	
Rosy Finch											
"Gray-cr." race											52
"Br.-capped" race											350
Cassin's Finch				2m							10
House Finch	75		1	13		6	7	25		40	
Red Crossbill				3							
Pine Siskin				22							
American Goldfinch	2								8		
House Sparrow	150		14	25				123	250	225	30
TOTAL SPECIES: 102	45	19	37	58	34	18	31	48	51	60	37

ABBREVIATIONS: Pl,plns=plains; ft=foothills; mt=mountains;
a,ad=adult; i,imm=immature; f,fe=female; m,ma=male;
(H)=heard only.

MARCH 1984 ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Wood Duck 3/19 (2) near Barr Lake (JC).
Hooded Merganser 3/26 (2) Cherry Creek Res. (JC).
Turkey Vulture 3/26 (1) Chatfield S.P. (JC).
Northern Goshawk 3/24 (1 ad.) City Park, Denver (BA).
Golden Eagle 3/3 (1 imm.) Lower Deer Creek Canyon (JB); 3/10 (2 ad.) Chatfield S.P.,
3/10 (1 ad., 1 imm.) Red Rocks Park (JC).
American Avocet 3/19 (1) Prospect Res. (JC).
Greater Yellowlegs 3/24 (2) Chatfield Res. (JB).
Mourning Dove 3/26 (2) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK).
Northern Pygmy-Owl 3/16 (1) Foxton (So. Platte River) (DB).
Short-eared Owl 3/23 (1) Lakewood, "being mobbed by 8-10 Blue Jays as it flew around
the neighborhood." (DS).
Lewis' Woodpecker 3/24 (3) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (DB).
Tree Swallow 3/26 (4) Chatfield S.P. (JC).
Bushtit 3/16 (1) Reynolds Park near Conifer (DB).
Winter Wren 3/24 (2) Chatfield S.P. (JB); 3/28 (1) Chatfield (DB).
Northern Mockingbird 3/8 (1) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (TJ, BR).
Water Pipit 3/26 (1) Cherry Creek Res. (JC).
Bohemian Waxwing 3/2 (50+) Deckers (BF); 3/3 (25) Chatfield S.P. (JC); 3/10 (100+)
Chatfield S.P. (HK).
Cedar Waxwing 3/1-15 (up to 17) 7675 E. Mercer Pl., Denver (JB); 3/16-18 (30) Denver (MJS).
Loggerhead Shrike 3/24 (2) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (DB).
Sage Sparrow 3/23 (2) Bear Creek (MJS); 3/24 (2) Cherry Creek Res. (WF, HK, DS).
Lapland Longspur 3/19 (1) near Barr Lake (JC).
Yellow-headed Blackbird 3/13 (5) Arvada (JC).
Rosy Finch 3/10 (10 "Black," 10 "Gray-crowned") Red Rock s Park (J C).
Cassin's Finch--numerous reports from last week in March of flocks containing 6 to 25
on the plains to the foothills.
BRAMBLING 3/10 (1) Boulder (JC).
Red Crossbill 3/16 (2ma., 1fe.) Bear Creek Canyon (DB).

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NOTICES and REMINDERS

DFO WAS SADDENED to hear of the recent death of Robert E. Glover, a long-time member
of the club. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family. We received a
nice contribution from his neighbors in his memory for which we are greatly appreciative.

NOTE OF THANKS to Warren Finch, Tina Jones and Dieter Kamm for their generous contri-
butions in support of the Rare Bird Alert system.

IF ANY MEMBER works for the MANVILLE CORPORATION, please call Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
or Bob Spencer (279-4682).

INFORMATION NEEDED: T. R. Laurion is conducting an avifauna survey (excluding raptors) on the Fort Carson expansion (Pinon Canyon maneuver site) located in the following area: bounded by the Otero/Las Animas County line on the north, Hwy. 350 on the west, Hwy 54 on the south and the Purgatoire River on the east. If you have information on the birds in this area, contact him at USFWS, Box 81, Model, CO 81059.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1984-1985

The following slate of officers and directors for the Denver Field Ornithologists has been proposed by the nominating committee to serve from September 1984 through August 1985. This slate will be presented at the regular monthly meeting on May 1, 1984, and voted upon at that time.

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Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

Patty Echelmeyer, Chairman
Duane Nelson
Lynn Willcockson

BOOKS AVAILABLE: The Birder's Guide series is offered for sale at the monthly meetings, as well as other books dealing with birds. David Martin has offered his services in finding sources for bird books you would be interested in obtaining. See David after the meetings to place your orders.

CARPOOL whenever possible when going on field trips. When contemplating joining a field trip, please contact the Trip Leader ahead of time so that he/she can better arrange carpooling. Expenses should be shared. Suggested cost is \$.10 per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 1984

- MAY 5, Saturday. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM and DEER CREEK. Leader: Bobbye Ausphal (798-0552). Carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Ctr., sw of May-D&F, at 6:40 A.M. Meet leader at 7:00 A.M. at Arboretum Gate (near Deer Creek Rd., then first left). *
- MAY 6, Sunday. RIGLI RANCH and plains nearby. Leader: Joe Rigli. Coordinator: Susan Levine (733-4328). Carpool at 6:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Regroup at 7:00 A.M. at the Pepperpod Restaurant in Hudson. *

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Hugh Kingery, Coordinator. Send reports to Kathy Hawkins, 6860 E. Mississippi, D
Denver, Colorado 80224

- MAY 12, Saturday BEAR CREEK Mary Jane Schock 922-3144 *
WATERTON Hugh Kingery 333-0161 (Meet at 6:00 A.M., Park 'n Ride,
U.S. 285 & S. Wadsworth) *
CHATFIELD Frank and Jan Justice 936-4547 *
RED ROCKS Allen Stokes 744-7455 (Meet at 6:30 A.M., no. side of
parking lot, LaBelle's, 6th and
Kiyling) *

- MAY 13, Sunday CHERRY CREEK Floyd Pendell 758-5530 (Meet 6:00 A.M., West Gate) *
CASTLEWOOD CANYON Paul Rechel 688-6255 (Meet 7:00 A.M., Texaco Station,
in Franktown) *
BARR PERIPHERY Judy Ward 666-8985 (Meet at 6:30 A.M., Bromley Lane and
Picadilly Rd.) *
BARR LAKE Dick Schottler 985-0579 *

- MAY 15 Tuesday and Wednesday. TAMARACK RANCH, RED LION, JUMBO RES. and FLEMING.
& Leader: Bill Prather (1-265-2195). Coordinators: Field Trip Chairpersons.
16 Meet at Tamarack Ranch Check Station (take Exit 149 off I-76 to ward Crook,
east side of road). Camping at Tamarack Ranch or Jumbo; sleeping space at
Prathers. Motel near Sterling "Interstate 76" on Hwy. 6 and I-76 (1-522-7274).
Bring food for lunch two days.
- MAY 19, SOUTH ST. VRAIN with Boulder Bird Club. Leader: Elizabeth Mikkelsen (449-2171).
Carpool 7:15 A.M. Wheatridge Methodist Church. Meet leader at 8:00 A.M. at
National Bureau of Standards Parking lot. *
- MAY 20, Sunday. COLORADO SPRINGS WILDLIFE REFUGE, FOUNTAIN AREA. Leader: John Leonard
(322-4650). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History. *
- MAY 26, Saturday. ROXBOROUGH PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (696-1799). Coordinator:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Carpool at 6:15 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Ctr.,
Hampton and So. Logan. Meet leader at 7:00 A.M. at Roxborough Rd. and Rampart
Rd. Lunch and afternoon birding will be at Chatfield State Park. *
- MAY 25-27, Friday to Sunday. ~~COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS CONVENTION.~~ Grand Junction,
Colo. Contact Charlie Chase (370-6353 days) or other CFO members.

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer 279-4682
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APRIL 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- APR. 1, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Dan Bridges, Lyle Brinker, Bill Brockner, Delene and Fred Hager. (Foggy; 28° to 38° F.; wind calm). 11 mi. by car, 1.5 mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (38 species, 836 individuals).
- 6, Friday. East Central Colorado: Cherry Creek Res., Rocky Mt. Arsenal; Bromley Lane to Prospect Res.; Orchard; Jackson Res., Muir Springs Park; Bijou Res. (ECCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; afternoon thunderstorms; 41° to 63° F.; wind variable, 0-30 mph). 223 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 10½ hrs. (66 species, 4996 ind.).
- 6-7, Trip to Wray cancelled due to inclement weather and impassable roads.
- 8, Sunday. Barr Lake, Mile High Duck Club, Prospect Res. (BARR). Leader: John Bregar. Observers: Dan Bridges, Alan Hay, John Leonard, Jim and Bonnie Nicholas, Jack Reddall, Gary Shirk. (Mostly clear; 40° to 60° F.; wind calm to 10 mph). 70 mi. by car, 2½ mi. on foot; 9½ hrs. (69 species, 4493 individuals).

- PR. 14, Saturday. Boulder County: Hiram Prince Res. to Hwy. 52, Boulder Creek, Gaynor Lakes, Park Lake, Walden Ponds, Haystack Mt. area (BOLD). Leader: Doug Ward. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Hilda Eichenberger, Lisa Hardy, Hazel Kellogg, Gary Shirk, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 45° to 55° F.; windy, 0-45 mph). 45 mi. by car, ½ mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (58 species, 1263 individuals).
- 15, Sunday. Chatfield State Recreation Area (CHAT). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Joyce and John Cooper, Warren Finch, Randy Pullen. (Clear; 30° to 50° F.; wind calm-5 mph). 25 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (55 species, 1413 individuals).
- 26, Thursday. Boulder/Longmont area: Park Lake, no. Boulder, Clover Basin, Union Res., Mead area, Hwy. 66 and Boulder Creek (BOLD). Observers: Larry Halsey, Doug and Judy Ward. (Partly cloudy; 50° F.; wind calm). 55 mi. by car; 3½ hrs. in p.m. (70 species, 3586 individuals).
- 28, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands (PNG). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Dorothy Dines, Mel and Vera Gabel, Virginia Ham, Lisa Hardy, Maribeth Harris, Alan and Dee Hay, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Tim Schowalter, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed, Linda Verbiscal, Ruth Wheeler. (Cold and windy). 160 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 9 hrs. (81 species, 3827 individuals).
- 28, Saturday. East Central Colo.: Cherry Creek Res., Denver City Park, Union Res., Latham Res., Orchard, Jackson Res., Muir Springs Park, Bijou Res. (ECCO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Mostly overcast; moderate rain and snow late p.m.; 25° to 41° F.; wind SE, 10-20 mph). 266 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 12½ hrs. (91 species, 16306 ind.).
- 29, Sunday. Bear Creek (plains to mts.) (BEAR). Leader: Cal Wichern; Observers: Brian and Beth Miller. (Cloudy-sunny; 25° to 50° F.) 29 mi. by car, 4½ mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (40 species, 427 individuals).
- 29, Sunday. East central Colorado: C.U. Campus, Park Lake, Teller Lakes, Clover Basin, Union Res.; Colo. 52 to Ireland Res.; I-76 to Orchard, Goodrich, Jackson Res., Muir Springs, Latham Res. Observers: Elaine Cook, Barb Fee, Larry Halsey, Barry Knapp, Steve and Diane Larson, Mike Middleton, Kathy Lindquist, Joe Ortega, Doug and Judy Ward (in three parties). (Mostly cloudy, intermittent thunder showers, light snow; 40° to 50° F.; winds light and variable). 250 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 10 hrs. (117 species, 11,061 individuals).

AV REA HABITAT	1 CCRA Plns	6 ECCO Plns	8 BARR Plns	14 BOLD Plns	15 CHAT Plns	26 BOLD Plns	28 PNG Pln	28 ECCO Plns	29 BEAR P-Ft	29 ECCO Plns
Common Loon					1	3				
Red-billed Grebe		1	1	3	1	3		2	1	1
Horned Grebe	18	11	20		27	10		4		2
Red Grebe			1			2	1	91		10
Western Grebe		9	45	3	500	185		575	3	400
American White Pelican		15	30			50	90	246		145
Double-crested Cormorant		45	53	6	150		19	18		35
American Bittern										1
Great Blue Heron	13	9	45	2	170	7	10	6	4	19
Snowy Egret								1		4
Black-crowned Night Heron				2		3	2	60		4
Yellow-crowned Night Heron								1ad		
White-faced Ibis				3		30	80	10		28
Low Goose ("White" form)		14								
Canada Goose	63	45	25	30	45	5	8	55	3	15
Wood Duck		1fe						15		

MAY AREA HABITAT	1 CCRA Plns	6 ECCO Plns	8 BARR Plns	14 BOLD Plns	15 CHAT Plns	26 BOLD Plns	28 PNG Pln	28 ECCO Plns	29 BEAR P-Ft	29 ECCO Plns
Green-winged Teal	8	110	300	45	5	19	20			55
Mallard	128	675	200	36	8	18	40	300	10	35
Northern Pintail		140	40	3			26	25		8
Blue-winged Teal		2	20			25	4	80		140
Cinnamon Teal	2	11	45	6	2	17	4	20		14
Northern Shoveler	78	300	1200	89	8	435	100	600		5000
Gadwall	14	460	750	36	6	38	4	250		80
American Wigeon	48	160	15	8	3	30	12	225		20
Canvasback		50	30	4		3	1	1ma		4
Redhead		320	45	135		3	1	8	23	10
Ring-necked Duck		7	3	34						2
Lesser Scaup	40	435	75	300		2	12	560	8	105
Common Goldeneye		5	4		2			1ma		
Bufflehead		5	20	2	14	5	1	30		20
Common Merganser	3	3ma	1ma							
Ruddy Duck		170	100	3m2f	7		7	285		60
Turkey Vulture				1	2					
Osprey					4			5		3
Bald Eagle		1imm								
Northern Harrier	2fe	2m8f	5	2	1	1fe	2			4fe
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1				1
Cooper's Hawk	1		1					1al1		1
Northern Goshawk					lad					
Accipiter species	1									
Broad-winged Hawk								2		4
Swainson's Hawk			2	3	1	2	2	17		25
Red-tailed Hawk								2		
"Western" races	3	3	2	1	1	1	2		2	2
Ferruginous Hawk		lad	1			1	1	1		
Rough-legged Hawk		4	2							
Buteo species	1									3
Golden Eagle			2imm							1
American Kestrel	3	10	12	4	9	35	39	90	12	160
Peregrine Falcon							1	lad	1	4
Prairie Falcon		1				1				1
Ring-necked Pheasant	14	2	3		2	3	2	20		8
American Coot	126	300	300	10	200	13	40	325		300
Black-bellied Plover										3
Semipalmated Plover						5		1		12
Killdeer	1	30	25	7	7	7	12	15	1	25
Mountain Plover							2			
American Avocet		2	50	25	4	37	26	25		40
Greater Yellowlegs		5	45	1			3	1		5
Lesser Yellowlegs			50	6		2	2	14		35
Solitary Sandpiper							1	1		
Willet						11	200	50		95
Long-billed Curlew							7			2
Marbled Godwit							30	10		70
Red Knot *									8	
Semipalmated Sandpiper			1				17			6
Western Sandpiper								2		40
Least Sandpiper						25		27		35
Baird's Sandpiper			17					3		8
Calidris species										60

* Breeding plumage (early)

JAY AREA HABITAT	1 CCRA Plns	6 ECCO Plns	8 BARR Plns	14 BOLD Plns	15 CHAT Plns	26 BOLD Plns	28 PNG Pln	28 ECCO Plns	29 BEAR P-Ft	29 ECCO Plns
Long-billed Dowitcher			2			2	70	30		150
Common Snipe	1	2		1	2	1	4			4
Wilson's Phalarope						5	40	800		250
Franklin's Gull				10		310	80	150		130
Bonaparte's Gull					1	1				17
Ring-billed Gull	41	500	25	20	37	4	15	65		50
California Gull		4	3	70	4	1		16		11
Herring Gull	9	10						4		
<u>GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL*</u>						1				
Gull species										4
Forster's Tern						5				1
Rock Dove	2	30	10	5		45	50	30		90
Mourning Dove	1	1	10	6	1	25	400	35	5	100
Great Horned Owl	1ad1(N)	1ad	1	1(N)	2	1	1	2ad	3	5a71(3N)
Burrowing Owl			2		3					20
White-throated Swift					4					
Belted Kingfisher				2	1		1	3mlf	2	5
Lewis' Woodpecker										1
Downy Woodpecker	1		4		2		1			1
Hairy Woodpecker										1
Northern Flicker										
"Red-shafted" race	11	6	3	1	4	2	5	9	4	4
Empidonax species						1				
Jay's Phoebe		1			1	3	6	13		20
Western Kingbird							1			
Horned Lark	6	100	10		13		1000	10	2	50
<u>PURPLE MARTIN</u>										1ma
Tree Swallow				1	4	25		1		15
Violet-green Swallow										2
No. Rough-winged Swallow						6				5
Bank Swallow						5				
Cliff Swallow				1**						1
Barn Swallow		1	3	4	2	135		175	6	100
Swallow species							5			1000
Steller's Jay									6	
Blue Jay		2					1	6		10
Black-billed Magpie	36	45	50	10	19	15	8	55	20	40
American Crow	2			5	1	5	1			1
Common Raven					2					
Black-capped Chickadee	5	12	7	2	11			2	2	6
White-breasted Nuthatch					1					
Brown Creeper										1
House Wren										1
Marsh Wren			1							5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							2	1		2
Western Bluebird							1		23	
Mountain Bluebird	30		10	8		1	35	2	22	1fe
Hermit Thrush							1		1	1
American Robin	31	30	15	6	15	11	20	40	25	50
Large Thrasher					1			2		
Brown Thrasher							1			
Water Pipit			40				1	4		3

*Details to be submitted to C.F.O. Records Committee.

Early.

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Cedar Waxwing			35							67
Loggerhead Shrike						1	30	9		220
European Starling	22	125	200	180	40	220	200	750	41	15
Orange-crowned Warbler								2		1
Virginia's Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Myrtle" race		1ma				10	1	4		70
"Audubon's" race						8	2	8	15	45
Common Yellowthroat										2
Green-tailed Towhee										1
Rufous-sided Towhee							1	11	2	12
American Tree Sparrow	7									
Chipping Sparrow						2			1	10
Brewer's Sparrow								1		
Vesper Sparrow							75	20	25	95
Lark Sparrow										5
Savannah Sparrow										25
Grasshopper Sparrow							1			
Fox Sparrow("Western" race)										1
Song Sparrow	5	4	3		2			6	4	5
Lincoln's Sparrow								4		21
White-throated Sparrow										2
White-crowned Sparrow		20	5	1		1	27	150	6	250
Harris' Sparrow		1ad						1ad		1
Dark-eyed Junco										
"Slate-colored" race			4							
"Oregon" race		1	6	1						
"Gray-headed" race							2		6	
McCown's Longspur							8			
Red-winged Blackbird	31	350	300	5	28	225	150	3550	20	1000
Western Meadowlark	21	175	50	11	24	17	15	250	7	75
Yellow-headed Blackbird		4ma	55			250	135	1250		100
Brewer's Blackbird		100				2	50	10	1	165
Common Grackle		2	15	27	7	150	500	4500	20	450
Brown-headed Cowbird										10
Cassin's Finch									25	20
House Finch	4	15	2(H)	10				20	50	10
Pine Siskin								9		8
American Goldfinch		1		10				2		2
Carduelis species										30
Evening Grosbeak										8
House Sparrow		80	35	45		20	45	225		250
TOTAL SPECIES: 151	38	66	69	58	55	70	81	91	40	117

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located; a,ad=adult.

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ADDITIONAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 1984

Common Loon 4/19 (1) Prospect Res. (DW,LH); 4/28 (1) near Brighton (JC).
American Bittern 4/22 (1) Walden Pond, Boulder Co. (JW).
Cattle Egret 4/19 (6) Prospect Res. (KH).
White-faced Ibis 4/14 (93) John Martin Res. (VZ); 4/15 (3) Park Lake, Boulder Co. (LH);
4/29 (4) Chatfield State Park (FJJ); 4/30 (15) east Bromley Lane, Adams Co. (JW).
Snow Goose 4/1 (1 "White" form) south of Barr Lake on Tower Rd. (JB).
Ross' Goose 4/30 (1) near Latham Res. (JC).
Turkey Vulture 4/7 (4) near Niwot (LH).
Osprey 4/7 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ), 4/21 (2) Coot Lake, Boulder Co. (LH); 4/22,26 (1) Coot Lake
(LH); 4/28 (2) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).
Sharp-shinned Hawk 4/28 (1) Waterton (HK).
Cooper's Hawk 4/22-24 (4) Arvada (JC); 4/24 (1 sub ad.) C.U. Campus (DW).
No. Goshawk 4/7 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 4/14 (1) Chatfield (JB); 4/23 (1 ad.) C.U. Campus (DW).
Broad-winged Hawk 4/19 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN). "Melanistic phase: back and belly
rich dark brown color; in flight, underside of wings/primaries, light; front edge same
chocolate color; even width of dark and light tail bands; small size..."
4/28 (1) Waterton (HK); 4/30 (1) Greeley (JC).
Swainson's Hawk 4/7 (1) Walden (DM).
Red-tailed Hawk—nest found 4/22 near Niwot (LH).
Rough-legged Hawk 4/1 (1) Union Res., Weld Co. (LH).
Golden Eagle 4/7 (1) Walden (DM).
Merlin 4/1 Waterton (FJJ).
Peregrine Falcon 4/7 (1) Highline Ditch, Chatfield S.P. (DN); 4/7 (1) Barr Lake (HK).
Chukar 4/21 (1) pavement on I-70 just east of Utah border, 4/28 (1) I-70 pavement east of
Palisade (JB).
Sage Grouse 4/7 (185) Walden (DM).
Greater Prairie Chicken 4/13 (28) Wray (VZ).
Lesser Prairie Chicken 4/14 (6) Campo (VZ).
Black-necked Stilt 4/16 (2) pond at Quaker and 64th, west of Arvada (DN).
Marbled Godwit 4/14 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (DW,LH).
Sanderling 4/30 (?) Ireland Res. (JC); 4/30 (6) Prospect Res. (JW).
Least Sandpiper 4/12 (1) Barr Lake (DW,LH).
Short-billed Dowitcher 4/30 (1) seep at Prospect Res.; (12) Ireland Res. (JW). "Identification
based primarily on call."
Common Snipe 4/30 (15) Ireland Res. (JW).
Glaucous Gull 4/26 (1) Jackson Res. (JC).
ROSS' GULL 4/29 (1 sub-ad.) Chatfield S.P. (FJ). Report being submitted to C.F.O. Records
Committee. Anyone else see this bird? Let Frank know.
Monk Parakeet (All month, 869 Milwaukee; built nest at 10th and Clayton, since abandoned;
apparently the second year it has done this (UHK).
Eastern Screech Owl 4/28 (1) C. U. Campus (LH).
Burrowing Owl 4/20 (1) Congress Park, Denver. "...roosting in juniper during Easter Blizzard." (UHK)
Long-eared Owl 4/5 (1) Deer Creek (FJJ).
Boreal Owl 4/28 (2) Cameron Pass (VZ).
Williamson's Sapsucker 4/7 (1 ma) mountains above Deer Creek (JC).
Rock Wren 4/26 (1) Barr Lake (JC).
Marsh Wren 4/19 (1) Boulder Creek at C.U. (LH).
Eastern Bluebird 4/22 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 4/22 (1 ma) west of Haystack Mt., Boulder Co. (DJW)
Western Bluebird 4/22 (11) west of Haystack Mt., Boulder Co. (DJW).
Hermit Thrush 4/26 (1) near Niwot; (1) C.U. Campus (LH).
Northern Mockingbird 4/16 (1) near Niwot (LH); 4/29 (1) 7675 E. Mercer Pl., Denver (JB).
Bohemian Waxwing 4/4 (120) 33120 Janelle Cir., Coal Cr. Canyon (DN).
Northern Shrike 4/7 (1) Chatfield S.P. (JC).
Loggerhead Shrike 4/28 (10) Chatfield S.P. (HK).
Townsend's Warbler 4/26 (1 fe) C.U. Campus (LH).
Northern Cardinal 4/3-14 (1 ma.) 95 Dexter (AO).

Fox Sparrow 4/28-30 (1 "Western" race) C.U. Campus (m.ob.).
Lincoln's Sparrow 4/28 (1) near Niwot (LH).
White-throated Sparrow 4/5 (2) urban Fort Collins (DW,LH); 4/26 (1 ad.) Barr Lake (JC).
Harris' Sparrow 4/1 (1) Fairmont Cemetery (BR); 4/22,25 (1) near Niwot (LH); 4/30 (1) 7675 E.
Mercer Pl., Denver (JB).
McCown's Longspur 4/14 (1) Walden, CO (DM).
Rusty Blackbird 4/16 (1 ma.) Colo. St. Woods, Fort Collins (JC).
Cassin's Finch 4/1 (3) near Niwot (LH), 4/22 (7m,15fe) Baseline Rd. at 95th, Boulder Co. (JW);
4/29 (150) Waterton (FJJ).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE -- JUNE 1984

- ✓ JUNE 2, Saturday. GATEWAY NATURE CENTER and OWL CANYON, PINYON GROVE (Ft. Collins area).
Leader: Dr. Ron Ryder (1-482-8089). Coordinators: Field Trip Chairpersons. Meet at
6:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. Meet leader at 8:00 A.M. at
Cache La Poudre Jr. High parking lot in La Porte, Colorado. *
- ✓ 3, Sunday. PAWNEE GRASSLANDS. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the
Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *
- ✓ 6, Wednesday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leaders: Helen Singer (756-2808) and Nancy
Jones (758-1463). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at west gate. ½ day. Lunch optional.
- ✓ 9, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:00 A.M.
at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *
- ✓ 10, Sunday. PERRY PARK AREA. Leader: Jerry Alliger (681-2000). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at
the Dry Creek Shopping Center, Hampden and So. Logan. Meet leader at gateway to Perry
Park at 8:00 A.M. *
- ✓ 16, Saturday. CASTLEWOOD, PLUM CREEK, SEDALIA. Leaders: Paul Rechel (688-6255) and Betty
and Harold Oliver (936-6902). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center,
Hampden and So. Logan. Meet leaders at 7:30 A.M. at Sedalia. *
- ✓ 16-18, Saturday to Monday. NORTH PARK AREA. Go for 2 or 3 days. Leader: Tim Schowalter
(279-4478). Meet Saturday at North Park Motel in Walden at 12:00 noon. Campground
north of Walden or North Park Motel (1-723-4271). Register with leader for carpooling.*
- ✓ 20, Wednesday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at
7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, sw of May D&F. *

JUNE 23, ~~Saturday~~. RIVERSIDE RESERVOIR (nesting White Pelicans). Leader: Mitch Wainwright (234-4988). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot, or at 6:45 A.M. at Hudson, Pepperpod Restaurant. Coordinators: R. Wheeler & R. Spencer. *

✓ 24, ~~Sunday~~. BEAR CREEK (plains to mountains). Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, sw of May-D&F. *

✓ 27, ~~Wednesday~~. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Leader: Warner Reeser (1-586-3010). Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth, south lot, at 7:00 A.M. Meet leader in front of RMNP Headquarters & Visitor Center at 9:00 A.M. *

✓ 30- ~~Saturday and Sunday~~. BAILEY NESTING AREA, GORE RANGE. Leader: Robert Spencer
JUL 1 (279-4682). Meet Sat. at 8:00 A.M. at Silverthorne Lodge (formerly Ramada Inn).
Stay Sat. night at Eden cabin or camp in area. Cabin is without plumbing but has refrigerator. Bring sleeping bags. Bring food for 2 days.

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MAY 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MAY 5, Saturday. Denver Botanic Arboretum, Lower Deer Creek Canyon area, Mansville area (DC). Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Bob and Helen Geick, Virginia Ham, Dee and Alan Hay, Don and Lee Johnson, Ron Lestina, Ben Moore, Bob Righter, Don and Jo Shrode, Jo and Norman Shwed, Lynn Sorensen, Bob Spencer, Charles Mabry of the Johns Manville Corp. (Mostly cloudy, rain). 32 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 5½ hrs. (60 species, 372 individuals).
- 6, Sunday. Rigli Ranch, Hudson to Ft. Morgan (RIG). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Dan Bridges, Lisa Hardy, Alan and Dee Hay; Dieter, Alicia, Richard and Karl Kamm D. W. King, Susan Levin, Nicki Pliler, Tim Schowalter, Don and Jo Shrode. (Cloudy, cool, partly sunny, frozen sleet in p.m.; northwest wind 0-15 mph.). 10 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot; 9½ hrs. (53 species, 781 individuals).
- 11, Friday. Pawnee National Grasslands (PAWN). Observers: Jennifer Rechel Clark and Paul Rechel. (Clear, warm). 75 mi. by car, 8½ hrs. (61 species, 8384 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. So. Central Colo.: Douglas County, Hanna Ranch, Big Johnson Res., Brush Hollow and CFI res.; No. Cheyenne and Temple Canyons, Ophir Creek Rd. Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Nature Center. Observers: Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard. (Partly cloudy; 45-75°F.; wind 0-25 mph). 18½ hrs. (1 hr. in mud hole); 355 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (153 species, 2759 individuals).

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11-13, Friday-Sunday. Bonny Res., So. Republican State Wildlife Area; Hale Ponds; Idalia to Burlington (BON). Observers: Jack Reddall and Vic Zerbi. (Clear to partly cloudy; 52-84° F.; wind SE to NE, 5-20 mph). 200 mi. by car, 12 mi. on foot; 30 hrs. (127 species, 5036 individuals).

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12&13 SPRING COUNT. Hugh Kingery, Coordinator. Kathy Hawkins, Compiler.

May 12, Saturday:

Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Allen Stokes. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ann Bonnell, Bill Brockner, Lisa Hardy, Kathy Hirst. (Clear; calm wind; 50-75° F.) 6 mi.; 7 hrs. (55 species).

Bear Creek (BC). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Clara Hassig, Don and Jo Shrode, Rea Siffring, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; 0-20 mph; 51-82° F.) 9½ hrs.; 28 mi. (73 species).

Waterton (WTN). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Mary Dexter, Kathy Kelley, Aurel Kelly, Bob Montgomery, Lisa Ponfick, Dick Pratt, Tim Showalter, Nonie Werbe. (Clear and hot.) 16 mi.; 6 hrs. (55 species).

Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Dan Bridges, Wanda Dudek, Amy Galperin, Fred Hager, Alan and Dee Hay, Don and Lee Johnson, Jackie King, Debbie O'Brien, Martha Zoe Teway. (Clear to partly cloudy; 51-85° F.; wind light to moderate). 25 mi.; 10 hrs. (101 species).

May 13, Sunday:

Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Dan Bridges, John Leonard, Duane Nelson, Tim Showalter, Mort Staatz. (Clear to partly cloudy; 50-75° F.; wind calm). 12 mi.; 9½ hr. (94 species).

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observer: Ruth Breckon. (Clear; 51-73° F.; wind calm). 14 ¾ mi.; 8½ hrs. (53 species).

Barr Lake Periphery (BLP). Leader: Judy Ward. Observer: Doug Ward. (Clear; 67-84° F.; wind calm). 65½ mi.; 9 hrs. (93 species).

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CC). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Irma Appelgren. (Clear, warm). 13 mi.; 8 hrs. (55 species).

15-16, Tuesday and Wednesday. Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion, Jumbo Res. (NEC). Leaders: Bill and Inez Prather. Observers: Dan Bridges, Jerry Cairo, Alan and Dee Hay, Don and Lee Johnson, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Vic Zerbi. (Sunny to cloudy; 50-80° F.; wind from so./sw at 10-40 mph.) 90 mi. by car, 6 mi. on foot; 14 hrs. (101 species, 1052 individuals).

19, Saturday. St. Vrain Canyon (SV). Leader: Elizabeth Mikkelsen. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Patricia Echelmeyer, Lisa Hardy, Clara Hassig, Diana Mullineaux, Nancy Pate, Don and Jo Shrode, Rea Siffring (Mich.), Robert Spencer. (Clear and mild.) 23 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 7 hrs. (37 species; 302 ind.)

20, Sunday. Colorado Springs State Wildlife Refuge (CS). Leader: John Leonard. Observers: Alan and Dee Hay, D. W. King, Steve and Becky Patchin (Calif.), Mort Staatz, Vito Tursi. (Sunny; 50-80° F.; ponds dried up). 15 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (52 species, 523 individuals).

26, Saturday. Roxborough Park and Waterton (RX). Leaders: Ben Moore and John Sanden. Observers: Morris Anderson, Ruth Breckon, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Laura Chandler, Carolyn Chetney, David Dodrill, Mike Foster, Bob and Helen Geick, Sid Glick, Lisa Hardy, Maribeth Harris, Dee and Alan Hay, Carol Jones,

MAY	5	6	11	12	1-13	12				13				15-16	19	20	2
AREA	DC	RIG	PAWN	SCC	BON	RRP	BC	WTN	CSP	BARR	CCR	BLP	CC	NEC	SV	CS	F
HABITAT	Ft	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Fth	Pl	Pln	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Ft	Pln	Ft	Pl	F
Common Loon				1										1			
Pied-billed Grebe	2		2	12	1		3		1	5		3					
Horned Grebe							1										
Eared Grebe				60	100		1		12	6	15			2			
Western Grebe				45	25		10		53	75	10	25		40			
"Clark's" race				5													
American White Pelican				3	35				1	42	1	96					
Dbl.-crested Cormorant	7			12	2		5		198	100		30		15			
American Bittern			2		3												
Great Blue Heron	9	2	5	4	3		5	12	128	30	12	8	2	8			
Snowy Egret				2					1	2							
Cattle Egret												1					
Green-backed Heron									1					1			
Bl.-crowned Ngt.Heron				7	8a				1	23		1					
White-faced Ibis	13			35	15				3	9		4					
Canada Goose	6	25		2	4		90	2	28	8	16	7		10			
Wood Duck	1			1			2	2	5	5				3			
Green-winged Teal	6		10	2	2				4	12		4	1				
Mallard	8	1	20	20	10	7	58	3	16	18	24	50	4	15			
Northern Pintail			12	8	2					15		27		10			
Blue-winged Teal	2		100	45	10		10	4	15	22	10	36	6	10			
Cinnamon Teal	8	1	2	10	2		4	2	20	8		22		2			
Northern Shoveler	9	1	4	150	12		14		12	500		48		4			
Gadwall	1		6	60	6		82		2	80	2	27		2			
American Wigeon			50	15			34		13	5		10					
Canvasback				3	2				14	2							
Redhead				35	3		6			8		8		1			
Ring-necked Duck				2										2			
Lesser Scaup	4	1	8	30			8		1	45	1	18		3			
Bufflehead	7f			10			9						1				
Common Merganser				2													
Ruddy Duck			1	125					3	14	12	6		1			
Turkey Vulture	1				5	2			2				20		1	6	
AM.SWALLOW-TAILED KITE					1												
Northern Harrier		3	1	1							2	1f					
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1ad												
Cooper's Hawk					2												
Broad-winged Hawk	1																
Swainson's Hawk		1	5	4	7		1		2	4	1	9	1	8		2	
Red-tailed Hawk				6				3			2			1	4	2	
"Western" races	1	3			3		3		3			1	3				
Ferruginous Hawk		2	1		2												
Golden Eagle	2-N			2													2a2i
American Kestrel	1	5	10	30	1		3	2	5	5	4	6	2	2	6		2
Peregrine Falcon									1	1							
Prairie Falcon		1			1				1							2	1
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	14		2	15		2		3	2	11	2		10			
Sharp-tailed Grouse				1													
Wild Turkey					1												
Northern Bobwhite					3												
Scaled Quail				2													

MAY	5	6	11	12	11-13	12				13				5-16	19	20	21
AREA	DC	RIG	PAWN	SCC	BON	RRP	BC	WTN	CSP	BARR	CCR	BLP	CC	NEC	SV	CS	F
HABITAT	Ft	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Fth	Pl	Pln	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Ft	Pln	Ft	Pl	F
Virginia Rail				1				4	1		1						
Sora							1	1			1						
American Coot	21	1	20	35	5		21		15	150	12	42		30			
Semipalmated Plover									1			4					
Killdeer	1	10	50	18	10		11		6	9	7	16	2	16		4	
Mountain Plover				1													
American Avocet			10	18	1				11	2		24					
Greater Yellowlegs				1													
Lesser Yellowlegs	1						3		1			2		1			
Willet			10	9					9								
Spotted Sandpiper			2	7	18		3		6	10	12	2		6			
Upland Sandpiper		2	1											2			
Whimbrel					29												
Marbled Godwit			1											1			
Sanderling										4							
Semipalmated Sandpiper												10					
Western Sandpiper										1							
Least Sandpiper				6						2		2		2			
Baird's Sandpiper											1			1			
Pectoral Sandpiper														1			
Stilt Sandpiper					2							1		3			
Short-billed Dowitcher				6													
Long-billed Dowitcher									4		13	60					
Common Snipe			15	8	1							3		1			
Wilson's Phalarope	3		12	350	50				40	70		70		20			
Franklin's Gull				15	20		4					20					
Bonaparte's Gull				8	1				1								
Ring-billed Gull				25	15				15	65	31	230		4			
California Gull	2			2	1		4		5	18	3						
Gull species								7									
Forster's Tern				5	5				2			3		2			
Least Tern					1												
Black Tern				1	10					5		30		50			
Rock Dove	9	6	100	15	25	15	3			14		25	10	3		25	
Band-tailed Pigeon				2													
Mourning Dove	20	15	50	45	450	6	57	12	14	85	16	50	8	70	1	15	15
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					1												
Western Screech-Owl				3													
Great Horned Owl	3	8	2	8	4		2	1	5	4	1	3				1	
Burrowing Owl		8		1					5		2	7					
Common Nighthawk				1						1							
Common Poorwill										2			2				
Chimney Swift				2	2									4			
White-throated Swift	6			10		31							8		2		
Bl.-chinned Hummingbird				1													
Bd.-tailed Hummingbird	1			4		6		2					4		5	2	3
Hummingbird species								1f									
Belted Kingfisher				2	2		3		3					1	1	2	1
Lewis' Woodpecker				20				12							2	25	
Red-headed Woodpecker					6					2		2		4		2	
Red-bellied Woodpecker					4												
Ylw.-bellied Sapsucker												1			1		
Downy Woodpecker		1	2	1		1	1	6	6	8	1		1				
eastern races					5												
Hairy Woodpecker				3		1											

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AREA	DC	RIG	PAWN	SCC	BON	RRP	BC	WTN	CSP	BARR	CCR	BLP	CC	NEC	SV	CS
HABITAT	Ft	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Fth	Pl	Pln	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Ft	Pln	Ft	Pl
Northern Flicker					10									1		4
"Yellow-shafted" race														1		
"Red-shafted" race	2		20	18		5	12	4	10	7	16	3	3	2	2	
Olive-sided Flycatcher				1		1			1	3						1
Western Wood-Pewee														1		
Pewee species																
Willow Flycatcher					1					1						
Least Flycatcher					13											
Hammond's Flycatcher															2	
Dusky Flycatcher										2						
Gray Flycatcher				10												
Western Flycatcher									1							
"Empidonax" species				1	5			2	2	2				2		
Eastern Phoebe																
Say's Phoebe	2	3	12	?				1								
Ash-thr. Flycatcher				3												
Cassin's Kingbird				15								1				
Western Kingbird	1	12	50	30	250				7	11	24	45		20		4
Eastern Kingbird			4	1	30			1	4	16		1		10		4
Scissor-tld. Flycatcher												1ad				
Horned Lark		100	200	35	100			2	9	1	1	35	1	70		
Tree Swallow				5			1		8	12	4			2		
Violet-green Swallow	21			30		30			2				100		12	1
No. Rough-wgd. Swallow				2	50		2		6	5		3		4		1
Bank Swallow												3				
Cliff Swallow	21	3		275	100	35	2	10	30				12	100	50	250
Barn Swallow	36	12	200	35	25	12	14	12	20	29	1	105	20	30	20	100
Gray Jay				1												
Steller's Jay	1			3		1							2		2	
Blue Jay	4				9		1		1	6			2	5		
Scrub Jay	6			15		3		2					12			
Pinyon Jay				8												
Clark's Nutcracker				1												
Black-billed Magpie	4	10		20	10	19	37	3	35	17	24	35	6	5	2	20
American Crow	4		20	8	1	7		4	2			1	6	1		3
Common Raven				3					1				2		3	2
Bl.-capped Chickadee	4			15	8	11	6	3	8	10	4	1	4	1	4	1
Mountain Chickadee				8		10							2			
Red-breasted Nuthatch				2		1										
Wt.-breasted Nuthatch				1	1				1				1			
Pygmy Nuthatch						1									1	
Rock Wren		2	500	5	3				1	6		1		1		
Canyon Wren						4							2			
Bewick's Wren				3					1							
House Wren		3		40	275	1	15	20	13	34	2	8	2	20	1	30
Marsh Wren					1											
American Dipper				2											10	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				5	1											
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher																
Eastern Bluebird					3											
Western Bluebird				4												
Mountain Bluebird				20		2							4			
Townsend's Solitaire				2		6										
Veery					4									1		

MAY	5	6	11	12	1-13	12				13				15-16	19	20	2
AREA	DC	RIG	PAWN	SCC	BON	RRP	BC	WTN	CSP	BARR	CCR	BLP	CC	NEC	SV	CS	R
HABITAT	Ft	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Fth	Pl	Pln	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Ft	Pln	Ft	Pl	F
Swainson's Thrush		1		1	150					1		1		28			
Hermit Thrush		1		5	1	1				9		1					
"Catharus" species												1					
American Robin	5	4	12	75	50	59	54	3	10	23	30	15	2	30	12	10	1
Gray Catbird					8	1				1				1	1	1	
Northern Mockingbird		2	6	15	3				1	2				2			
Brown Thrasher			4	7	15				1	4				10		5	
Curve-billed Thrasher												1					
Cedar Waxwing				8	800							15					
Loggerhead Shrike	2	8	25	1	1							1		3			
European Starling	17	10	50	35	35	48	75	3	20	80	12	130	20	10		100	
Bell's Vireo					2									7			
Solitary Vireo				5	1			1	1				3		2	1	
Warbling Vireo					25							1				1	
Red-eyed Vireo				1													
Tennessee Warbler				1	1ma		2					1ma		1			
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	4		1	5	1	1			2							
Nashville Warbler				1													
Virginia's Warbler				10		6	1	3		2		1			4		
Northern Parula					1ma												
Yellow Warbler		2	6	12	65	6	15	9	9	13	6	14		26	10	4	5
Black-thr. Blue Warbler							1f										
Yellow-rumped Warbler				40				10	29	17							
"Myrtle" race	5	?	150		30		15	2		3				2			
"Audubon's" race	2	?	50		5	2	33	2		22	2	5	4	1	6		2
Bl.-thr. Gray Warbler				5						1							
Townsend's Warbler					1ma		1										
Bay-breasted Warbler														1			
Blackpoll Warbler					1ma												
Black-and-white Warbler			1														
American Redstart					7			1							1		
Ovenbird					1									1			
Northern Waterthrush			1		4			1						1			
MacGillivray's Warbler				2	2		1			2				5			
Common Yellowthroat				15	75		7		6	7	9	3	1	6	1	3	1
Wilson's Warbler				3	8	2		2		2							
Yellow-breasted Chat				6	3	4		6	8					3		10	1
Western Tanager				2	1ma	8	1	12	15	4		1m	4	2		8	10
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					1												
Black-headed Grosbeak	1			2	2	2		2	3				16	2	2	1	8
Blue Grosbeak												1m				1	
Lazuli Bunting				10		4				2			4		8	5	4
Indigo Bunting				1									1				
Green-tailed Towhee		1		2			3	1	13	15		2	4				3
Rufous-sided Towhee	9	6	4	18	2	46	6	21	10	9	1		20	4	1	2	8
Brown Towhee				3													
Chipping Sparrow		6	50	35	15	57	6	2	27	100	4	80		6			
Clay-colored Sparrow				2	20		1		5	7		10		2			
Brewer's Sparrow		1	500	10			5		4	12		8					
Spizella species												25					
Vesper Sparrow	10	40	500	8	5	2	13	8	17	2		3	12	2			3
Lark Sparrow		8	50	25	100				4			20		2		50	
Blk.-throated Sparrow									1								
Lark Bunting		300	5000	3	350							230	2	40			2

MAY	5	6	11	12	11-13	12				13				15-16	19	20	2
AREA	DC	RIG	PAWN	SCC	BON	RRP	BC	WTN	CSP	BARR	CCR	BLP	CO	NEC	SV	CS	R
HABITAT	Ft	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Fth	Pl	Pln	Pln	Plns	Pln	Pln	Ft	Pln	Ft	Pl	F
Savannah Sparrow	2				1		8		11			1		1			
Grasshopper Sparrow														(H)			
Song Sparrow				2		3	11	2	4	2	3		2			2	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	2		4	5	1			3	5		2		1			
White-thr. Sparrow	1													1			
White-cr. Sparrow		30	12	22	10		3	3	17	11		4		5		2	
Dark-eyed Junco				5													
"Slate-colored" race					1												
"Gray-headed" race						10				1						2	
McCown's Longspur			25														
Bobolink									2								
Red-winged Blackbird	17	20	200	75	400	1	48	1	40	33	102	115	30	100		20	
Western Meadowlark	9	10	100	45	375	14	29	4	37	16	42	60	20	60	6	15	5
Yellow-headed Blackbd.	19		8	25	6		22		2	60	2	120		30			
Brewer's Blackbird	2			15			11	2	9		8		12				
Great-tailed Grackle				5													
Common Grackle	4	12	100	75	200	25	49	3	13	37	24	100		100		50	
Brown-headed Cowbird				40	60	8	6	8	10	7	6	10	8	100		10	3
Orchard Oriole					45									40			
Northern Oriole				15													
"Baltimore" race					35									3			
"Bullock's" race	1		2		1	22	11		13	38	14	8		4	1	5	
House Finch				10		6	13	2			8		4			2	
Pine Siskin	8			50	5	2	6	22	7				12	20	7		?
Lesser Goldfinch						2											
American Goldfinch		10		5	15			4			2	1	12	10		3	5
Evening Grosbeak				2		1											
House Sparrow		25	8	25	220	10	2	2		12		140	6	50	7	5	
TOTAL SPECIES: 225	60	53	61	153	127	55	73	55	101	94	53	93	55	101	37	52	59

SPRING COUNT TOTALS: (1984) Total species: 167
 Total individuals: 8861
 (1983) Total species: 183
 Total individuals: 10,798
 (1982) Total species: 167
 Total individuals: 11,236
 (1981) Total species: 130
 Total individuals: 6618
 (1980) Total species: 137
 Total individuals: 6996

ABBREVIATIONS: Pl,pln,plns=plains; ft,fth=foothills; m,ma=male;
 f,fe=female; i,im=immature; N=nest located; H=heard only; a,ad=adult.

ADDITIONAL MAY 1984 REPORTS:

Snowy Egret 5/1 (2) Cherry Creek R.A. (AH); 5/9 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (JB); 5/13 (1) Ireland Res. (JC).
 Little Blue Heron 5/5 (1 ad.) south of Merino (LH,DW).
 Green-backed Heron 5/13 (1) Chatfield State Park (JB); 5/15 (1) Tamarack Ranch (JC).
 White-faced Ibis 5/6 (41) Cherry Creek R.A. (JR).
 Wood Duck 5/6 (1m,1f) Cherry Creek R.A. (JR); 5/19 (1m,1f) Barr Lake (DJW).

Rufflehead 5/26 (1 fe) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BA).
 Common Merganser 5/10 (4) Colo. St. Preserve, Ft. Collins (JC); 5/19 (1 fe) S. Platte, Waterton Canyon (JR).
 Red-breasted Merganser 5/6 (1 ma) Cherry Creek R. A. (JR).
 Osprey 5/1 (4) Cherry Creek R.A. (JR); 5/7 (1) flying over C.U. Campus (DW).
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 5/9 (1 ad) Golden Gate Canyon (JC).
 Broad-winged Hawk 5/2 (1) Fairmont Cemetery (BR); 5/10 (1 ad.) Colo. St. Preserve, Ft. Collins (JC).
 Peregrine Falcon 5/4 (1ad) Cherry Creek R.A. (JR); 5/4 (1ad) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano Co. (JR).
 Goshawk 5/28 (2) Cameo, Mesa Co. (VZ).
 Sandhill Crane 5/28 (20) flying over Wheat Ridge (PE).
 Black-bellied Plover 5/8 (4) Ireland Res. (JC).
 Snowy Plover 5/27 (1) Pawnee Nat. Grasslands (JR).
 Mountain Plover 5/5 (1) Co. Rd. B.5 at U.S. Hwy. 385, Prowers Co. (JR).
 Black-necked Stilt 5/23 (3) Lake Meredith (LH, DJW).
 Solitary Sandpiper 5/5 (1) Mile High Duck Club (JB).
 Kingbird 5/5 (11) pond at Picadilly Rd. & Bromley Ln. (KH); 5/5 (2) Jackson Res. (LH, DW); 5/6 (11) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
 Long-billed Curlew 5/6 (1) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
 Marbled Godwit 5/6 (20) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).
 White-rumped Sandpiper 5/27 (1) Weld Co. Rd. 95 @ Colo. Hwy. 52 (JR).
 Sectoral Sandpiper 5/19 (1) Ireland Res. (JR).
 Laughing Gull 5/25 (1 sub.ad.) Cheraw Res. (LH, DJW).
 Bonaparte's Gull 5/5 (2) near Prospect Res. (JB).
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5/7 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (PE); 5/19 (1) Boulder Creek, C.U. Campus (KH); 5/28 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE).
 Barn Owl 5/6 (1) "diurnal roost in Black-billed Magpie nest." Hanna Ranch, Colo. Springs (JA, RB, JS).
 Eastern Screech Owl 5/25 (1 ad) Fruita (VZ; also seen by TM, reportedly #400 for Colo.).
 Northern Flicker 5/1 (1 "Yellow-shafted" race) Cherry Creek R.A. (AH); 5/20 (1 "Yellow-shafted" race) Barr Lake (JC).
 Willow Flycatcher 5/24 (3 singing) Two Buttes Res. (LH, DJW); 5/27 (1) Pawnee N.G. (JR).
 Ashy Flycatcher 5/17 (1) C.U. Campus (DW).
 Great-crested Flycatcher 5/19 (1) Chataqua Park, Boulder (JC).
 Purple Martin 5/5 (1 ma) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (RB).
 Veery 5/26 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BA).
 Gray-cheeked Thrush 5/24 (1) Two Buttes Res. (LH, DW) Details submitted to Records Comm.
 Sage Thrasher 5/19 (4) So. El Paso Co. (RB, BM).
 Curve-billed Thrasher 5/27 (1) .8 mi. no. of intersection of Morgan Co. Rds. 10 & DD (JR).
 Winter Wren 5/1 (2) over C.U. Campus (DW).
 Cedar Waxwing 5/26 (1) Hack Ranch, Park Co. (CH, KH); 5/26 (2) Chatfield S.P. (BA).
 Yellow-throated Vireo 5/19-20 (1) C.U. Campus, Boulder (PG, m.ob.).
 Red-eyed Vireo 5/14 (1) Hale Wildlife Area (JC); 5/17-20 (2) C.U. Campus (LH, DJW); 5/26 (1) Plum Cr., Chatfield S.P. (BA).
 Tennessee Warbler 5/11 (1ma) Flagler S.W.A., Kit Carson Co. (JR); 5/16 (1ma, singing) C.U. Campus (LH, DW); 5/19 (1) C.U. Campus (DJW); 5/27 (1fe) Wildcat Cr., Morgan Co. Rd. 10 (JR).
 Nashville Warbler 5/7 (1 fe) C.U. Campus; 5/11 (1ma) C.U. Campus (DW).
 Northern Parula Warbler 5/19 (1) Hanna Ranch, El Paso Co. (RB).
 Chestnut-sided Warbler 5/13 (1ma) Bonny Res. (JC); 5/18 (1fe) Barr Lake (JC).
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 5/24 (1fe) Two Buttes Res. (LH, DJW).
 Peewee Warbler 5/24 (1ma) Two Buttes Res. (JW).
 Black-thr. Gray Warbler 5/6 (1) Phantom Canyon (RB); 5/9 (1ma, 1fe) C.U. Campus (DJW); 5/11 (1ma) Sawhill Ponds (LH, JW).
 Blackburnian Warbler 5/14 (1ma) C.U. Campus (DW).
 Indigo Bun Warbler 5/4 (1) Mesa Res., Colo. Sprgs. (RB, BM, JS); 5/8 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH); 5/9 (1) C.U. Campus (JW); 5/14 (1) Aspen Glen C.G., Cameron Pass (TJ).
 Blackpoll Warbler 5/5 (1ma) Muir Springs (LH, DW); 5/6 (1ma) Cherry Creek R.A. (JR); 5/6 (1ma) Colo. S. Preserve, Ft. Collins (JC); 5/7 (2) C.U. Campus (DW); 5/10 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH).

Black-and-White Warbler 5/4 (1) Mesa Res., Colo. Sprgs. (RB,JS); 5/5 (1ma) Lamar City Park (JR); 5/6 (1) Hanna Ranch (RB, JS); 5/26 (1) Wheat Ridge(PE).
Worm-eating Warbler 5/18-19 (1) C.U. Campus (LH,DW).
Ovenbird 5/5 (1) Muir Springs (LH,DW).
Northern Waterthrush 5/6 (1) Tamarack Ranch (LH,DW); 5/6 (1) Frog Pond, Rye (RB,JS); 5/12 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (JW).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5/6-8 (1ma) 6th and Fairfax (JRa); 5/17 (1ma) Red Rocks Park (AH) 5/25 (1ma) Lamar City Park (LH, DJW).
Black-throated Sparrow 5/26 (1) three mi. so. of Chatfield S.P. (BA).
Grasshopper Sparrow 5/12 (1) Prospect Res. (JB).
White-throated Sparrow 5/3 (1) Chatfield S.P.(BR); 5/13 (1ad) Empire Res. (JC).
Harris' Sparrow 5/3,9 (1) 7675 E. Mercer Pl., Denver (JB); 5/5 (1) Muir Springs (LH,DW).
Bobolink 5/11-? (3ma,1f) Bear Creek (MJS); 5/19 (1ma) Winkler Ranch, Douglas Co. (JR).
Great-tailed Grackle 5/25 (3m1f) John Martin Res. (LH,DJW).
No. Oriole 5/7 (1 "Baltimore" race) Red Rocks Park (PE).
Scott's Oriole 5/25 (6) Colo. Nat. Monument (VZ).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1984

JULY 1, Sunday. See June Bulletin.

4, Wednesday. McCLELLAN RESERVOIR, HIGHLINE CANAL, DANIELS PARK. Leader to be announced. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, Hampden and So. Logan. * Call field trip committee. Enjoy the Fourth away from the madding crowds.

7, Saturday. SOUTH PARK--HACK RANCH. Leaders: Carol Hack (777-7893) and Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hampden and Sheridan, southwest of May D&F, for carpooling. Meet leaders at Jefferson in South Park at 8:30 A.M. * Be sure to bring waterproof footwear.

8, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Wade Leitner (699-7281). Meet at 5:30 a.m. (before it gets too hot) at Airport Budget Motel north of I-70 on Chambers Road. *

14, Saturday. GOLDEN GATE STATE PARK. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Berkley Senior Center east of Sheridan on 46th Ave. *

15, Sunday. BERTHOUD-LOVELAND FOOTHILLS. Meet to carpool at 6:00 a.m. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th Ave. and Wadsworth. Reassemble at 7:00 a.m. at corner where U.S. Hwy. 287 turns east toward Berthoud. Leader is Camille Cummings (1-532-2016). *

21 & 22, Saturday and Sunday. PUEBLO AREA. Saturday trip will be east towards La Junta. Sunday trip will be towards the foothills and Rye, Colo. Meet Saturday in Pueblo at Ramada Inn, on U.S. Hwy. 50, east of I-25, at 7:30 a.m. Come for one or two days. Super 8 Motel is on U.S. 50 west (1-545-4104). *

22, Sunday. REYNOLDS PARK AREA. Leader: Mel Gabel (674-6270). Meet at 7:15 a.m. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan and Hampden, southwest of May D&F, for carpooling. Meet leader at 8:00 a.m. at Highlander Inn on U.S. 287 near Conifer. *

28, Saturday. FILIUS PARK AREA, MT. EVANS AREA. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 7:15 a.m. and carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hampden and Sheridan, southwest of May D&F. Reassemble about 8:00 a.m. at Filius Park. Take I-70 west to Evergreen exit; the park is before you get to Bergen Park. *

29, Sunday. COAL CREEK--WONDERVUE. Leader: Duane Nelson (642-7609). Meet at 7:00 a.m. for carpooling at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th Ave. and Wadsworth. Meet leader at 7:45 a.m. at Coal Creek Food Store which is on the left several miles up the canyon.

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JUNE 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JUNE 1-3, Friday-Sunday. Nee Noshe and Two Buttes Res., Cimarron River, Carrizo and Cottonwood Canyons, Black Mesa, Dye Res. and Lake Meredith (SECO). Observers: Dan Bridges, Jerry Cairo, Vic Zerbi. (Partly cloudy; 50° to 75° F.; wind 0-15 mph, SE). 350 mi. by car, 11 mi. on foot; 42 hrs. (104 species, 2197 ind.).
- 2, Saturday. Gateway Nature Center, Watson Lake, Owl Canyon Pinyon Grove and eastward (FtCo). Leader: Dr. Ron Ryder (Ft. Collins). Observers: Ruth Breckon, Hilda Eichenberger, Steve Eichenberger, Lisa Hardy, Alan Hay, Augusta Holland, Hazel Kellogg, Harold and Betty Oliver, Randy Pullen (Ft. Collins), Warner and Ruth Reeser, Audrey Ryder, Justina Schroder (Peru), Bob Spencer, Marian Teele (Ft. Collins), Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast; 50° to 70° F. 200 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot; 7 hrs. (63 species, 636 individuals).
- 3, Sunday. Pawnee Nat. Grasslands (PNG). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Ben Moore, Vito Tursi. (Showers, cloudy to sunny). 250 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 9½ hrs. (67 species, 808 individuals).
- 6, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Res. and Inverness Lake (CCR). Leaders: Helen Singer and Nancy Jones. Observers: Joanne Abbott, Hope Curfman, Clara Dunlap, Ginny Gelbach, Emily and Chuck Durham, Don and Jo Shrode. (Overcast; 55° to 65° F.; wind calm). 25 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (48 species, 426 ind.).
- 9, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Virginia Ham, Mary McGivern, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, mostly sunny; 45° to 65° F. wind 0-10 mph). 52 mi. by car, 3.5 mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (32 species, 369 ind.)

- JUNE 10, Sunday. Perry Park (PP). Leader: Jerry Alliger. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Lisa Hardy, Alan and Dee Hay, Rich and Betsy Maslow, Mort and Rosemary Statz. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; 45° to 60° F.; wind 25-45 mph). 9 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (47 species, 329 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. West Plum Creek to Castlewood Canyon (CC). Leaders: Paul Rechel and Harold and Betty Oliver. Observers: Joanne Abbott, Dan Bridges, Bill Brockner, Lorrie Chappel, Clara Dunlap, Virginia Ham, Lisa Hardy, Pres Hill, Estes and Billie Howe, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Barbara Reuter. (Sunny in A.M., electrical storm in P.M.). 25 mi. by car; 6 hrs. (46 species, 733 ind.).
- 15&16, Friday and Saturday. Frazer to North Park (NP). Leaders: Lyle Jordon, Tim Schowalter, Bob Spencer. Observers: Hilda and Steve Eichenberger, Hazel Kellogg, Barbara Miles, Judy, Katie and Marie Schowalter, Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy, some heavy rain). 200 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 19 hrs (77 species, 1313 individuals).
- 20, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Glenna Cory, Mike DeHarte, Peggy Duffy, Virginia Edens, Bob Jickling, Don and Lee Johnson, Dick Pratt, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrodé. (Clear to partly cloudy; 65° to 84° F.; wind 0-10 mph). 30 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 8 hrs. (52 species, 853 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Riverside and Empire Reservoirs, and surrounding areas (RIV). Leaders: Mitch Wainwright (BLM) and Dr. Ron Ryder (CSU). Observers: Irma Appelgren, Lisa Hardy, Dick Pratt, Barbara Reuter, Kate Rule (Ft. Collins), Toby Titman, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast, clearing P.M.; 58° to 69° F.; wind up to 15 mph). 150 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (44 species, 709 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Bear Creek (Plains to mountains) (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Bill Brockner, Patty Hodgins, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Betsy and Rich Maslow. (Sunny; 60° to 85° F.). 25 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot; 7½ hrs. (38 species, 229 individuals).
- 27, Wednesday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RM). Leader: Warner Reeser. Observers: Louise Augustine, Debbie Bangs, Louis and Tom Bein, Jerry Cairo, Margaret Coin, Glenna Corey, Wayne Clark, Camille Cummings, Mike DeHarte, Ann Delzell, Virginia Eden, Barry Gardiner, Virginia Ham, Don and Lee Johnson, Bob Jickling, Jan Justice, Hazel Kellogg, Mary McGivern, Thompson Marsh, Ann Means, Dick Pratt, Ruth Reeser, Betty Seacrist, Mary Jane Schock, Joe and Norma Shwed, Mort Staatz, Caroline Smith, Mike Smithson, Brian and JoAnn Sterman, Bonnie Tyron, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Helen and Art Wainwright, Nelda Zimmerman. (Warm and sunny). 25 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot; 5½ hrs. (40 species, 24 ne 150 individuals).
- 30, Saturday. Bailey Nesting Area, Arapahoe National Forest (BN). Leaders: Bob and Shirley Spencer. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Ruth Breckon, Dan Bridges, Virginia Edens, Hazel Kellogg, Paul and Bee Merry, Floyd Pendell, Barbara Reuter, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 70° F.; wind 0-5 mph). 3 mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (18 species, 87 individuals).
- 30- July 1 Saturday and Sunday. Rock Creek, Dillon Res., Montezuma. (RC). Leaders: Bob and Shirley Spencer. Observers: (Same as above). (Mostly cloudy, rain, 55° to 75° F.) 37 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 12 hrs. (34 species, 182 ind.).

JUNE	1-3	2	3	6	9	10	16	16-18	20	23	24	27	30	30-1
AREA	SECO	FtCo	PNG	CCR	BAR	PP	CC	NP	CHAT	RIV	BC	RM	BN	RC
HABITAT	Plns	Pl-Ft	Pln	Pln	Pln	Ft	Ft	HP	Plns	Pln	P-M	Mt	Mt	Mt
Pied-billed Grebe	3	2												
Eared Grebe	3							37						
Western Grebe	6		1	3	13				8	3				3
American White Pelican			3		9					408*				
Dbl.-crested Cormorant	1		45		46				174	72	3			
Great Blue Heron	8	1	5	9	4	4	1	2	225	11	2			
Great Egret	1													
Snowy Egret										7				
Cattle Egret										4				
Green-backed Heron	3						1							
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	8			1	6			5	1	1				
<u>Y. ow-cr. Night Heron</u>	1													
White-faced Ibis								1						
Canada Goose		73	5	30	76	7		90	38	1	6			
Wood Duck									1					
Green-winged Teal						6	1	6						
Mallard	10	3	36	32	12	17		10	8	12	9			5
Northern Pintail	2		16					6						
Blue-winged Teal	2	4	6	3				16		5				
Cinnamon Teal		5	2	1				10		2				
Northern Shoveler	12	6		3				14						
Gadwall	2	4	7	9				30						
American Wigeon								12						
Redhead	2	3	4		27			12						
Lesser Scaup			14		2			30						
Common Merganser		2												
Ruddy Duck								10						
Turkey Vulture	40	3				1	20							
Mississippi Kite	19													
Northern Harrier	1m	2	2	1				3						
Cooper's Hawk												1		
Northern Goshawk												1		
Swainson's Hawk	18		6		1			3	1	2				
Red-tailed Hawk	3	4	4			3		2	1					1
"Western" races								1						
Ferruginous Hawk		1	2											
Golden Eagle			1				2i ⁿ	4				1		
American Kestrel	6	2	2	1		3	1	4	3	2	2			
Ring-necked Pheasant	6			8					2					
Wild Turkey	10													
Scaled Quail	4													
Virginia Rail				4				1						
Sora				1		1								
American Coot	18		3	1	4			50	1					
Killdeer	10	1	10	6	2		2	25	4	2				2
Mc tain Plover	2a3i													
American Avocet			3					20		1				
Willet								7						
Spotted Sandpiper	2	2				2		2					1	1
Long-billed Curlew			2					1						
Semipalmated Sandpiper			2											
Baird's Sandpiper	3													
Common Snipe								3						
Wilson's Phalarope			3	1				40						
Laughing Gull	11													

* 1031 nests observed from the air.

JUNE AREA HABITAT	1-3 SECO Plns	2 FtCo Pl-Ft	3 PNG Pln	6 CCR Pln	9 BAR Pln	10 PP Ft	16 CC Ft	16-18 NP HP	20 CHAT Plns	23 RIV Pln	24 BC P-M	27 RM Mt	30 BN Mt	30- RC Mt
Ring-billed Gull	17		14	50				2	16		1			
California Gull	1	3						6	17	21				
Forster's Tern								5						
Black Tern	11		10											
Rock Dove	25	2	50			4	50			12	2			
Mourning Dove	150	5	32	12	5	4	25	5	7	13	3			
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3			1					3	1(H)				
Western Screech Owl	3													
Great Horned Owl	4		3		2				1	1	1			
Burrowing Owl	5		1	1					6					
Short-eared Owl								2						
Common Nighthawk	12		6				1	6	1					6
Common Poorwill		1												
Chimney Swift	2													
White-throated Swift		10												
Black-chinned Hummingbird						23								
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1	1				6	30				6 ⁿ		13
Hummingbird species	2													
Belted Kingfisher	2	1				1	1		2	1	3			
Lewis' Woodpecker	10													
Red-headed Woodpecker	7		1							1				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker												7 ⁿ	3	
Williamson's Sapsucker												6 ⁿ		
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3													
Downy Woodpecker	2	2			1		4		1		1	1 ⁿ		
Hairy Woodpecker												1 ⁿ		
Northern Flicker			2									3 ⁿ		
"Yellow-shafted" race	3	1		2										
"Red-shafted" race		3				1	8		2	1	5			1
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1										2			
Western Wood-Pewee	9	3	1	4	8	1	2		5		1	6 ⁿ	2 ⁿ	
Willow Flycatcher	3													
Hammond's Flycatcher												4 ⁿ		
Dusky Flycatcher												1 ⁿ		
Western Flycatcher						1		1			1			
Empidonax species									1					
Eastern Phoebe	3													
Say's Phoebe	7	3	2											
Ash-throated Flycatcher	8													
Cassin's Kingbird	2													
Western Kingbird	200	2	30	3	11				2	4	2			
Eastern Kingbird	9	3	30	2	8				2	2				
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	2													
Horned Lark	200	4	50					15	1	12				
Tree Swallow				4	1	10		300	10			27 ⁿ	2	2
Violet-green Swallow		8				24	6	24				6 ⁿ	4	18
No. Rough-winged Swallow	8	3	10			8	1	2	4					
Bank Swallow		300												
Cliff Swallow	210	4	50	10		36		80	100	10				36
Barn Swallow	25	8	25	20	3	12	20	30	12	33	4	1 ⁿ		
Gray Jay								1					2	2
Steller's Jay						1						2	1	
Blue Jay	3	1								1				
Scrub Jay	1		2			4	6							
Pinyon Jay	3													

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HABITAT	Plns	Pl-Ft	Pln	Pln	Pln	Ft	Ft	HP	Plns	Pln	P-M	Mt	Mt	Mt
Black-billed Magpie	10	1	2	19	14	17	50	8	33	2	30	1		4
American Crow	8		1			8	10	30				2		1
California Raven	5													
Common Raven		2					4	20				2		1
Black-capped Chickadee		3			7	2	4	2	5	1	2	1 ⁿ		8
Mountain Chickadee		2												
Plain Titmouse	1													
Bushtit	1													
Red-breasted Nuthatch													1	
Pygmy Nuthatch												5 ⁿ		
Rock Wren	21	2												
California Wren	1						2					1		
Bewick's Wren	6													
House Wren	2	6	1	3	2		12		8	2	4	7 ⁿ		
American Dipper														
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								4				2	8	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	1												
Western Bluebird						3					1			
Mountain Bluebird						2		2				9 ⁿ		
Townsend's Solitaire												1 ⁿ		
Swainson's Thrush		3	4											
Hermit Thrush														
American Robin	16	3	2	14	6	6	12	30	11	4	6	17 ⁿ	15	20
Gray Catbird		2				2	1		1					
Sage Thrasher								2						
Brown Thrasher	8		2											
Northern Mockingbird	145		1											
Curve-billed Thrasher	1													
Cedar Waxwing		2												
Loggerhead Shrike	7		2											
European Starling	8	12	15	16	14		50	2	22	15	30	3 ⁿ		
Warbling Vireo								2				5 ⁿ	2	
Yellow Warbler	5	14	1	4		2	12	6	8		3			
Yellow-rumped Warbler														
"Audubon's" race								2						
MacGillivray's Warbler												2		
Common Yellowthroat			1	16	4		2	1	6	1				
Wilson's Warbler										4		3	5	
Yellow-breasted Chat	1								5		1			
Western Tanager				1		11	3				1	4 ⁿ		
Black-headed Grosbeak						2	20				1			
Blue Grosbeak	24													
Lazuli Bunting	4					4	6		7		1			
Indigo Bunting	4								1					
Green-tailed Towhee						5	2					2		
Rufous-sided Towhee	3	2	1			28	12		12					
Brown Towhee	8													
Cassin's Sparrow	22													
<u>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</u>	1													
Chipping Sparrow	1		3			3						2		
Brewer's Sparrow			10					3						
Vesper Sparrow		2		28		2	12	1	2		1			2
Lark Sparrow	65	3	4											

* one pair feeding young cowbird

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Lark Bunting	205		120					1		1				
Savannah Sparrow														
Grasshopper Sparrow	10													
Fox Sparrow													3	
Song Sparrow	1		1	4		4	2	4	4	1	1			
Lincoln's Sparrow								3					2	
White-crowned Sparrow								9					6	
Dark-eyed Junco														
"Gray-headed" race								2				8 ⁿ	3	?
McCown's Longspur			10											
Chestnut-collared Longspur			4											
Red-winged Blackbird	20	12	40	24	6	34	200	30	16	5	40			
Western Meadowlark	70	5	20	28	4	7	50	6	9	13	4			
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2	2	4	1				50						
Brewer's Blackbird		7		3		3		40						3
Common Grackle	17	30	15	17	11	1	12	2	28	4	21			
Brown-headed Cowbird	26	2	2		15		50	60	1		7	3		3
Orchard Oriole	38		8											
Northern Oriole	230		10	14		1			7					
"Bullock's" race		5			38		4			4	6			
Pine Grosbeak														2
Cassin's Finch								1				3 ⁿ		5
House Finch				2			4	4			14			
Red Crossbill													1	2
Pine Siskin						2		10			6	7 ⁿ	26	9
Lesser Goldfinch						2								
American Goldfinch	2	4	4	5		2	12		6	2	1			
Evening Grosbeak												3		
House Sparrow	30		23		7		6	6		7				
TOTAL SPECIES: 185	104	63	67	48	32	47	46	77	52	44	38	40	18	34

ABBREVIATIONS: Pl,Pln,Plns=plains; Ft=foothills; Mt=mountains; HP=high plains; a=adult; i,im=immature; ()ⁿ=nest located; (H)=heard only

ADDITIONAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 1984

Yellow-crowned Night Heron 6/1-6/? (1 ad.) Lakewood (PE).
 Cooper's Hawk 6/12 (1 pr.) Left Hand Canyon, Boulder Co. (JC).
 Red-tailed Hawk 6/12 (1 pr. at nest) Left Hand Canyon (JC).
 Golden Eagle 6/12 (1 ad.) Left Hand Canyon (JC).
 White-tailed Ptarmigan 6/22 (1 ma) Indian Peaks Wilderness (JC).
 Greater Yellowlegs 6/7 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC).
 Lesser Yellowlegs 6/14 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (JC).
 Red-necked Phalarope 6/3 (7) San Luis Lake W.R. (EV); 6/7 (2) Latham Res. (JC).
 Barn Owl 6/30 (1ad) Castlewood Canyon (PR).
 Magnificent Hummingbird 5/25-6/? (1) Burland Ranchettes (JCar).
 Three-toed Woodpecker 6/14 (1m1f) Rocky Mt. National Park (BR).
 Bobolink 6/1-6/16 (5m,3f) Bear Creek Greenbelt (MJS); 6/14 (3m) Boulder (JC).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1984

- AUG. 4, Saturday. BURLAND RANCHETTES. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hampden & Sheridan, southwest of May D&F. *
- 5, Sunday. COLUMBINE LAKE. (Joint trip with Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Club) DFO Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bergen Park parking lot. * (Look for Pine Grosbeaks).
- 11, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, W. 38th Ave. & Wadsworth. Meet at 9:00 A.M. at Park Headquarters, Estes Park. *
- 12, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull. (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *
- 18, Saturday. PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS. Leader: Ben Moore (696-1799). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. *
- 19, Sunday. ELDORA, COAL CREEK. Leader: Gail Shickly (1-258-3358). Coordinator Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, W. 38th Ave. and Wadsworth. *
- 22, Wednesday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F, Hampden and Sheridan. *
- 25, Saturday. BAILEY, GUANELLA PASS, GEORGETOWN. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hampden & Sheridan, southwest of May D&F at 7:00 A.M. *
- 26, Sunday. NORTHEAST COLORADO. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Airport Budget Motel, Chambers Rd., north of I-70. *
- 29, Wednesday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at west gate, Cherry Creek R.A. 1/2 day, lunch optional.

* BRING LUNCH.

Submitted by:

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Ruth Wheeler 455-3924

Field Trip Chairpersons

RARE BIRD ALERT: 759-1060

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JULY 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

JULY 4, Wednesday. Highline Ditch south of County Line, McClellan Res., Daniels Park, Sedalia, Plum Creek to Jackson Creek (H-DP). Leaders: Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Kelly Bock, Ruth Breckon, Glenna Cory, Lisa Hardy, Hazel Kellogg, Olga Meyer, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed, Shirley Spencer, Evelyn Weidenbacher, Nelda Zimmerman. (Light overcast to clearing; 60° to 83° F.). 30 mi. by car, 1+ mi. on foot; 8 hrs. (50 species, 393 individuals).

7, Saturday. Jefferson, Georgia Pass, Hack Ranch (South Park - SP). Leaders: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Dan Bridges, Virginia Edens, Virginia Ham, Lisa Hardy, Hazel Kellogg, Ben Moore, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Joe and Norma Shwed, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Mort and Rosemary

- ULY 7, Staatz, Nelda Zimmerman. (A.M. clear, sunny; P.M. partly cloudy; 50° to 65° F. wind calm.) 20.5 mi. by car, 3.5 mi. on foot; 7½ hrs. (48 species, 530 ind.).
- 8, Sunday. Barr Lake and environs (BARR). Leader: Wade Leitner. Observers: Bill Dissmore, Glenn and Ellen Peterson. (Clear with intermittent mosquito showers; 80° to 95° F.). 35 mi. by car, 8 mi. on foot; 8 hrs. (64 species, 1206 individuals).
- 14, Saturday. Golden Gate Canyon and State Park (GGSP). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Henry and Vi Bossman, Lisa and Denise Boyd, Wanda and Lisa Dudek, Virginia Ham, Lisa Hardy, Dee Hay, Joan Katz, Freda Krolik, Jean Kloepper, Andrew Selby, Don and Jo Shrode, Martha Zoeteway, Mort Staatz. (Cloudy to sunny; 60° to 83° F.) 57 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 8 hrs. (46 species, 198 individuals).
- 14, Saturday. East Central Colo.: Cherry Creek Res., Castlewood Canyon S.P., Waterton, Latham Res., Muir Springs Park, Bijou Res., Prospect Res. (ECCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; blowing dust in P.M.; 65° to 92° F.; wind variable, 0-5 mph; westerly, 20-40 mph late in day.) 33½ mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 14½ hrs. (115 species, 4372 individuals).
- 15, Sunday. Berthoud, Loveland (BER). Leaders: Camille Cummings, Ron Harden, Ann Means. Observers: Blake Bowers (Calif.), Brad Dunlap (Loveland), Hazel Kellogg, Peter Nienaw (England), Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler, Iva Wilson. (Fair; 65° to 90° F.; wind light). 150 mi. by car, ½ mi. on foot; 8 hrs. (65 species, 624 individuals).
- 21, Saturday. Pueblo east to Ordway, Cheraw Res., La Junta and return (PB-E). Leader: Dave Griffiths. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Dan Bridges, Lisa Hardy, Dave Johnson, Fran Lehski, Rex McGeehee, Bob and Shirley Spencer, (11½ hrs.). (81 species, 7195 individuals).
- 22, Sunday. Pueblo to Rye (PB-W). Leaders: Dave Johnson and Dave Silverman. Observers: Same as Sat. plus Mr. Hall of Rye. (9 hrs.) (58 species, 367 ind.).
- 22, Sunday. Reynolds Park Open Space, Buffalo Creek, Pine (REY). Leader: Mel Gabel. Observers: Vera Gabel, Virginia Ham, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Barbara Reuter, Don and Jo Shrode. (Mostly sunny; 45° to 70° F.; wind calm). 24 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot; 6 hrs. (34 species, 173 individuals).
- 28, Saturday. Fillius Park, Squaw Mt., Echo Lake, Summit Lake (FP-SM). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Henry and Vi Bossman, Lori Chappel, Glenna Corey, Lisa Hardy, Virginia Ham, Alan and Dee Hay, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Diana Mullineaux, Barbara Reuter, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Liz Willcockson. (Partly cloudy to cloudy, rain). 35 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 6½ hrs. (29 species, 34 individuals).
- 29, Sunday. Coal Creek Canyon, Golden Gate S.P. west of Eldora (CCC). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Alan Hay, Wade Leitner, Dick Schottler. (Afternoon showers; 56° to 70° F.). 78 mi. by car, 6 mi. on foot; 9 hrs. 15 min. (55 species, 495 individuals).

ULY	4	7	8	14	14	15	21	22	22	28	29
REA	H-DP	SP	BARR	GGSP	ECCO	BER	PB-E	PB-W	REY	FP-SM	CCC
ABITAT	Pl-Ft	Mt	Plns	Ft-Mt	P/F	Pl-Ft	Plns	Ethl	F/M	Ft-Mt	Mt
ied-billed Grebe					4		1				
ared Grebe					2		3				
estern Grebe			52		16	1	50				
n. White Pelican			40		31		40				
bl.-crested Cormorant	10		35		11		4				
merican Bittern						1					

JULY AREA HABITAT	4 H-DP Pl-Ft	7 SP Mt	8 BARR Plns	14 GGSP Ft-Mt	14 ECCO P/R	15 BER Pl-Ft	21 PB-E Plns	22 PB-W Fthl	22 REV F/M	28 FP-SM Ft-Mt	29 CCC Mt
Great Blue Heron			27		18	7 2	4				
Snowy Egret						1	2				
Green-backed Heron							1				
Bl.-cr. Night Heron			3			2	3				
White-faced Ibis							3				
Canada Goose			45		50						
Wood Duck	2f10i										
Green-winged Teal		2f3i									
Mallard	6	3	3	3a1i	10	10	1				
Northern Pintail			1		10	1					
Blue-winged Teal	1		1		15	4	2				
Cinnamon Teal					8	6					
Northern Shoveler					1ma						
Gadwall		1fe			15		60				
Canvasback					1fe						
Redhead			1		7ma	12	4				
Lesser Scaup							1				
Ruddy Duck							10				
Turkey Vulture		4	1		16	4		2			
Mississippi Kite							3				
Northern Harrier			1								
Cooper's Hawk				1							2a3i ⁿ
Northern Goshawk		1 1ad									
Swainson's Hawk		1	2		10a3i		4				
Red-tailed Hawk			2		6			1			
"Western" races		3	1		2						1
Golden Eagle						1					
American Kestrel	3		4		8	2	20				
Prairie Falcon					2						1i
Ring-necked Pheasant			3		7						
Blue Grouse									1a2i		
Northern Bobwhite					2-H		2				
Scaled Quail							2				
Virginia Rail	1				2-H	1,3-H					
Sora		1-H	1								
American Coot			2		17	1	40				
Black-bellied Plover							11				
Killdeer	1	2	11		80	5	21	3			
Black-necked Stilt							3				
American Avocet						5	1				
Greater Yellowlegs					20		2				
Lesser Yellowlegs					27	15					
Spotted Sandpiper				1	2		2	1			4
Semipalmated Sandpiper					1						
Western Sandpiper							4				
Least Sandpiper					4						
Baird's Sandpiper							6				
Long-billed Dowitcher					6						
Common Snipe		8			2						
Wilson's Phalarope		1									
Franklin's Gull			500		30	50	2000				
Ring-billed Gull			35		2	8	4				
California Gull	3		4				3				
Forster's Tern						6	4				
Black Tern							200				

JULY AREA HABITAT	4 H-DP Pl-Ft	7 SP Mt	8 BARR Plns	14 GGSP Ft-Mt	14 ECCO P/F	15 BER Pl-Ft	21 PB-E Plns	22 PB-W Fthl	22 REY F/M	28 FP-SM Ft-Mt	29 CCC Mt
Rock Dove	1		25	1	30	5	65				
Band-tailed Pigeon	1									1	12
Mourning Dove	6 4		37	5	250	3	130	23	2		6
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2				1	-H	3				
Great Horned Owl			1				1	1			
Burrowing Owl			8		2		5				
Common Nighthawk				3	1		6				2
Chimney Swift							6				
White-thr. Swift					1	3		8			
Bl.-chinned Hummingbird							1				
Calliope Hummingbird											1fe
Brd.-tailed Hummingbird	3	10		6 2	7	2		15	3	4 3	30
Rufous Hummingbird								3		4	8
Belted Kingfisher	2		1		1	1	1		1		
Lewis' Woodpecker					1	1	4	9			
Red-headed Woodpecker			1		1		2				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		12 ⁿ		2							
Williamson's Sapsucker				1							1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker							3				
Downy Woodpecker	6		7		3				1		
Hairy Woodpecker					1				1		4
Three-toed Woodpecker		2a2i ⁿ									
Northern Flicker			2		8						
"Red-shafted" race	5 2	10		3		1	2	7	4	1	6
Olive-sided Flycatcher		7 ⁿ									
Western Wood-Pewee	4 1	14 ⁿ	5	1	3	7 ⁿ		6	1		4
Willow Flycatcher								1			3
Hammond's Flycatcher									1		4
Dusky Flycatcher								1			2
Western Flycatcher			1		8	2		2	5	3	6
Empidonax species	1					1					
Say's Phoebe					1			5			
Cassin's Kingbird								2			
Western Kingbird	5		25		70	3	42				
Eastern Kingbird	1		4		8		1				
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			1								
Horned Lark	25	3	4		225		175				
Tree Swallow		85 ⁿ	2	3 ⁿ							6
Violet-green Swallow		2		2	45			17	15	5	25
No.Rgh-winged Swallow			1		2	2		2			
Bank Swallow					5		1				
Cliff Swallow	3	63 ⁿ	18	7 ⁿ	325	185	230	30	12		
Barn Swallow	3 1	2	14	6	250	2	120	11	3		12
Gray Jay		9								2	
Steller's Jay				2	2				5	3	4
Blue Jay					3	2	4				
Scrub Jay	3				3			2			
Clark's Nutcracker		2								2	
Black-billed Magpie	9 1	2	25	3	25	2 8	24	17	3		5
American Crow	2		5		6		4	5	25	12	
Common Raven		5		1 4		2		2			4
Black-capped Chickadee	2 1		6		11	4	3	3			
Mountain Chickadee		6		2 5	11			11	6	10 9	20
Red-breasted Nuthatch					2			1			4

JULY	4	7	8	14	14	15	21	22	22	28	29
AREA	H-DP	SP	BARR	GGSP	ECCO	BER	PB-E	PB-W	REY	FP-SM	CCC
HABITAT	Pl-Ft	Mt	Plns	Ft-Mt	P/F	Pl-Ft	Plns	Fthl	F/M	Ft-Mt	Mt
White-breasted Nuthatch				2 ⁿ	8			3	4		5
Pygmy Nuthatch				2 ⁿ	1			2		8	4
Brown Creeper										2	
Rock Wren				1	2			2			
Canyon Wren					2-H						
House Wren	8	1	6	2	1	2	1	2	5	4	4
Marsh Wren					2	1					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		6		1							4
Western Bluebird	1				2m1f			4			
Mountain Bluebird	11	14 ⁿ		1	4 ⁿ			9		2	8
Townsend's Solitaire			1a1f								7
Hermit Thrush		10			1			3			5
American Robin	4	9	23	28	8	2	60	7	18	21	19
Gray Catbird						1				1	4
Northern Mockingbird			1		1			9			
Brown Thrasher					5			2			
Water Pipit										3	2
Cedar Waxwing					2						
Loggerhead Shrike					1			2			
European Starling	45		45	1	750	18		420	13	3	6
Solitary Vireo					2			1			
Warbling Vireo	2	12		4		1		1	5		12
Red-eyed Vireo					1						
Virginia's Warbler					2				1		
Yellow Warbler	3	6	3		5	2 ⁿ	1				
Yellow-rumped Warbler											
"Audubon's" race	1	3		4					3		15
MacGillivray's Warbler									1		
Common Yellowthroat	2		2		35	1		5	2		
Wilson's Warbler		2								3	2
Yellow-breasted Chat	1				5	1	1	5			
Western Tanager					3m	1			2		2
Black-headed Grosbeak					2m1f			5			
Blue Grosbeak			2		1m		4	1			
Lazuli Bunting	1		2	8	1m3f	4		1	5		
Indigo Bunting						1					
Dickcissel							3				
Green-tailed Towhee				4	1				5		1
Rufous-sided Towhee	2	3		5	35	6		1		1	
Brown Towhee							2	1			
Chipping Sparrow				1	4			4	7	1	10
Vesper Sparrow	18		1		60			3			2
Lark Sparrow	2				40	3	21	5			
Lark Bunting			17	1	125		765				
Grasshopper Sparrow			8				2				
Fox Sparrow											2
Song Sparrow		1	1	1	2						3
Lincoln's Sparrow		10								3	6
White-crowned Sparrow		13								3	18
Dark-eyed Junco											
"Gray-headed" race		12		3	1			4	1	1	2
Bobolink					2m						
Red-winged Blackbird	26	29	30	3	400	8	9	194	27	1	

JULY	4	7	8	14	14	15	21	22	22	28	29
AREA	H-DP	SP	BARR	GGSP	ECCO	BER	PB-E	PB-W	REY	FP-SM	CCC
HABITAT	Pl-Ft	Mt	Plns	Ft-Mt	P/F	Pl-Ft	Plns	Fthl	F/M	Ft-Mt	Mt
Western Meadowlark	15	2	17	1	250	3	5	56	30		
Ylw-headed Blackbird			1		160	2		28			
Brewer's Blackbird		15	4	9	15						
Common Grackle	4		30		60	2	1250				
Brown-headed Cowbird	5	3	2	3	25		15				16
Orchard Oriole					3m2f						
Northern Oriole			30								
"Bullock's" race	6				11	1	17	3			
Rosy Finch											
"Br.-capped" race										6	
Pine Grosbeak		2m1f									3
Cassin's Finch		12		1	2					2	5
House Finch	56		3		25	3	65		4	1	
Red Crossbill					3			2			4
Pine Siskin		36		1	8	2		6	14	2	95
Lesser Goldfinch	1	7		2	11	12		1			
American Goldfinch	4	1	2		20	8		2			
Evening Grosbeak				2						2	18
House Sparrow	5		30		40	10	2	960	12	2	
TOTAL SPECIES:	180	50	48	64	46	115	65	81	58	34	29

ABBREVIATIONS: P,pl=plains; F,ft,fthl=foothills; M,mt=mountains; m,ma=males; f,fe=female, i,imm=immature; ()ⁿ=species found nesting

ADDITIONAL JULY 1984 REPORTS:

Great Egret 7/22 (4a,1i) Boulder County (VZ).
 Cattle Egret 7/22 (1) Latham Res. (JC).
Yellow-cr. Night Heron 7/28 (1a,1i) Red Lion S.W.A., Logan Co. (JR).
 Cooper's Hawk--all month (nest w/ 3 young) Coal Creek Canyon (DN).
 Northern Goshawk 7/12 (1 ad) Hwy. 72, 2 mi. so. of Ward (JW).
 Ferruginous Hawk 7/5 (1i) North Park (JC).
 Blue Grouse 7/17 (2) near Corwina Park (KL).
 Snowy Plover 7/21 (10) Antero Res., Park Co. (JR).
 Black-necked Stilt 7/2 (2a) Hart's Basin (JC).
 Solitary Sandpiper 7/4 (1) North Park (JC).
 Willet 7/5 (6a1i) North Park (JC); 7/31 (2) Chatfield S.P. (AH).
 Marbled Godwit 7/9 (2) Latham Res. (JC); 7/31 (23) Chatfield S.P. (AH).
 Sanderling 7/31 (1) Chatfield S.P. (AH).
 Red-necked Phalarope 7/2 (1fe) Hart's Basin (JC).
 Band-tailed Pigeon 7/21 (2) Burland Estates, Park Co. (JR).
Boreal Owl 7/6 (1ad) Cameron Pass (JC).
 Black Swift 7/4 (2ad) Hanging Lake (JC); 7/5 (3) Ouray (VZ); 7/31 (1) Pine Ridge Rd., 1 mi. north of Golden on Hwy. 93 (DN).
Magnificent Hummingbird 7/15 (1ma) Burland Ranchettes (VZ).
Calliope Hummingbird 7/30 (1 fe) Coal Creek Canyon (DN).
 Hammond's Flycatcher--all month (nest, 2 young fledged) Coal Creek Canyon (DN).
 Purple Martin 7/2 (2 fe) McClure Pass (JC); 7/6 (1m1f at nest) near Mancos (VZ).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 7/1 (1 ma) Crow Creek C.G., Pawnee Nat. Grasslands (CH).
Black-throated Green Warbler 7/1 (1 fe) Crow Creek C.G., Pawnee Nat. Grasslands (CH).
 Grace's Warbler 7/5 (2m,1f) west of Durango (VZ).
Bay-breasted Warbler 7/13,15 (1 ma) Wild Basin, Rky. Mt. Nat. Park (DN).
 Indigo Bunting 7/31 (2 ma) Chatfield S.P. (AH).
 Dickcissel 7/28 (4) Red Lion S.W.A., Logan Co. (JR).

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ATTENTION FIELD TRIP LEADERS: All subsequent summaries of field trips should be sent to Jack Reddall, 4450 S. Alton, Englewood, Colorado 80111. I have enjoyed compiling the D.F.O. newsletter for the past three years and I wish to thank all the trip leaders for their promptness in submitting reports. With the generous assistance of knowledgeable members, I have learned a great deal about the avifauna of Colorado and have appreciated the learning experience. --Judy Ward

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1982

- SEPT. 1, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH and PLAINS. Leader: Joe Rigli. Coordinators: Field Trip Chairpersons. Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot, or at 7:15 A.M. at Hudson, Pepperpod Restaurant. *
- 2, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 3, Monday (Labor Day). CASTLEWOOD, JONES RANCH PICNIC. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, Hampden and So. Logan. * Call 279-4682 for detail
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FALL COUNT

Trip Leaders: Send reports to Carol Hack, 1034 S. Steele, Denver 80209

- SEPT. 8, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Frank Justice (936-4547)
WATERTON. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:30 A.M., Park & Ride U.S. 285 and S. Wadsworth.
BEAR CREEK. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 7:00 A.M., Bear Valley Shopping Center, May-D&F, Sheridan & U.S. 285.
RED ROCKS. Leader: Allen Stokes (744-7455). Meet at 6:30 A.M., Bear Valley Shopping Center, May-D&F, Sheridan & U.S. 285.
- SEPT. 9, Sunday. CASTLEWOOD CANYON. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Meet at 7:00 A.M., Texaco Station, Franktown.
CHERRY CREEK RES. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:00 A.M., west gate.
BARR LAKE. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 6:00 A.M., east gate. Strenuous, 8-10 mile hike.
BARR PERIFERY. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 7:00 A.M., Bromley Lane and Piccadilly Rd.
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- SEPT. 15, Saturday. GREELEY AREA, LATHAM RES., SO. PLATTE RIVER. Leader: Jerry Cairo. Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. Meet leader in Greeley at 8:30 A.M. at Lincoln Park on 7th St. between 9th and 10th Ave. (Take Business 85 into Greeley, turn left on 7th St., go 1½ blocks to park.) *
- 16, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park, 44th Ave., west of Kipling. *

- ✓ SEPT 22, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 7:30 A.M., Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth, south lot. Meet leader at 8:15 A.M. at Int'l House of Pancakes, Baseline Rd. and Broadway in Boulder. *
- ✓ 23, Sunday. WINDSOR LAKE, FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY. Leader: Jo Shrode (341-1544). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at mortuary, west lot, on Quebec so. of Alameda. 1 day.
- 29, Saturday. NORTHEAST COLORADO. Leader: ~~Jack Reddall~~ ^{Jerry Carlo} (771-5308). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Airport Budget Motel, Chambers Rd. north of I-70. *
- 30, Sunday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (237-5794). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Sloans Lake, 25th and Sheridan. *

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer 279-4682

Ruth Wheeler 455-3924

Field Trip Arrangers

*Bring lunch.

RARE BIRD ALERT: 759-1060

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AUGUST 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

AUGUST 3, 4, & 5 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Southeastern Colorado: Castlewood Canyon State Park, Colorado Springs SVA, Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, Rocky Ford SFA, Cherasaw, Las Animas, Lamar, Two Buttes Reservoir, Cottonwood and Carrizo Canyons (Baca Co.), Blue Lake (SECO). Observers: Kathy Hawkins, Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy, afternoon thunderstorms; wind, variable, 0-30 MPH; 63°-100°). 710 miles by car, 10 miles on foot. 36 hours. (139 species, 14,653 individuals).

- AUGUST 4, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes (BR). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossmann, Glenna Corey, Lisa Hardy, Dee and Al Hay, Thompson Marsh, Nicky Pliler, Jo and Don Shrode, Shirley and Bob Spencer, Nelda Zimmerman. (Clear to partly cloudy, light showers; 70°-78°). 8 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5 hours. (40 species, 393 individuals).
- 5, Sunday. Columbine Lake area (CL). Leader: Winston Wm. Brockner. Observers: Sylvia B. Brockner, Lori Chappell, Wanda Dudbek, Bill Gillespie, Lisa Hardy, Alan and Dee Hay, Mary Skraznas plus 13 members of the Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society.
- 11, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RMP). Leaders: Bob and Shirley Spencer. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Glenna Corey, John Hardister, Lisa Hardy, Alan and Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Barbara Reister, Don and Jo Shrode. (Mostly clear; warm; wind calm). 55 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8½ hours. (29 species, 167 individuals).
- 12, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Wade Leitner. Observers: Wanda Dudbek; Beth Fanning; Lisa Hardy; Jan LaRue; Pat Leitner; Duane, Linnea and Carol Nelson; Dick Schottler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 90°). 70 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. (54 species, 2,847 individuals).
- 16-20, Thursday through Monday. Southeastern and Southcentral Colorado: Denver to Blue Lake, Lamar, Two Buttes Reservoir, Cottonwood Canyon, Cimmaron River, Lathrop State Park, Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, Homelake, Mt. Blanca, Great Sand Dunes National Monument, San Luis Lake, Antero Reservoir, Michigan Creek area (SE/SC). Observers: Wade Leitner, Duane Nelson. (168 species, 6,837 individuals).
- 18, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland and Latham Reservoir (P/L). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Lisa Hardy, Ed Holub, Susan Levin, Hal Rudd, Bob Spencer, Sally Wentzel. (Partly sunny; 65°-80°). 220 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (54 species, 1,404 individuals).
- 19, Sunday. Eldora and Coal Creek Canyon. Leader: Gail Sheckley. No report received.
- 22, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Urling Kingery. Observers: Glenna Corey, Wanda Dudbek, Ruby Ebright, Karen Haataja, Virginia Ham, Clara Hassig, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear to partly cloudy; 60°-75°). 11 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. (53 species, 509 individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Bailey, Guanella Pass, Georgetown (GP). Leaders: Bob and Shirley Spencer. Observers: Lori Chappell, Jerry Franklin, Tom and Ginny Faxon, Virginia Ham, Alan and Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Rich Maslow, Nicky Pliler, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz. (Clear; warm; wind calm). 150 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7½ hours. (39 species, 257 individuals).
- 26, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir "Pelican Refuge", Orchard, Latham Reservoir (NECO). Leaders: David Martin and Jack Reddall. Observers: Bill Brockner, Alan Hay, Bob Tickling, Tina Jones, Scott Kinney, Pat and Wade Leitner, Dick Schottler, Vic Zerbi. (Clear; wind, NE 0-10 MPH, gusts to 20 MPH; 60°-85°). 241 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 11½ hours. (81 species, 3,572 individuals).
- 29, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CC). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Ila Clark, Glenna Corey, Wanda Dudbek, Virginia Edens, Virginia Ham, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear; wind 0-8 MPH; 67°-87°). 20 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 5 hours. (28 species, 426 individuals).

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	3-5 SECO PL/FH	4 BR MT	5 CL MT	11 RMP M/A	12 BARR PLNS	16-20 SE/SC PL/MT	18 P/L PLN	22 CSP PLN	25 GP MT	26 NECO PLNS	29 CC PL
Pied-billed Grebe					1	6				9	
Eared Grebe	20					50					
Western Grebe	1050				15	10	2	2		300	2
American White Pelican	25				50		19			27	
Double-crested Cormorant	23				8	2	8	81		25	2
Great Blue Heron	138				7	20	9	4		10	5
Snowy Egret	21						11			39	
Cattle Egret										4	
Green-backed Heron										2	
Black-crowned Night Heron	21										
White-faced Ibis						45					
Canada Goose					100	80	15				16
Wood Duck										16e	
Green-winged Teal	6					20				2	
Mallard	31	7		4	40	200	10	2	2	40	30
Northern Pintail	3				1	4					
Blue-winged Teal	10				20	100	12	4		25	
Cinnamon Teal					2	20					
Northern Shoveler						20				60	
Gadwall						10				40	
American Wigeon						1		4		4	
Redhead	150									45	
Common Merganser						3					
Ruddy Duck	1					40					
Turkey Vulture	80	2				10					
Mississippi Kite	29					3					
Northern Harrier					5	15	3		1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3										
Cooper's Hawk						1			1		
Buteo sp.								2			
Swainson's Hawk	77					25	7			10	
Red-tailed Hawk	11	2	1		2	3					
"Western" races							1		1	2	
Ferruginous Hawk	5						4			1ad	
Golden Eagle	2ad					2					
American Kestrel	12		1		2	15	3	5	1	6	1
Peregrine Falcon						1					
Prairie Falcon	4					1					
Ring-necked Pheasant					1	1	1			1ma	4
White-tailed Ptarmigan				4							
Wild Turkey	5										
Northern Bobwhite	16									1-H	
Scaled Quail						20					
Virginia Rail											1
Sora	2-H										1
American Coot	20				230	35	4			60	
Black-bellied Plover					1	1					
Snowy Plover	2					10					
Semipalmated Plover	2				1	1					
Killdeer	60				100	300	23			75	2
Mountain Plover	3					60					
Black-necked Stilt										2	
American Avocet	25				3	45	5				
Greater Yellowlegs	4					8	1			1	
Lesser Yellowlegs	3				30	150	2			76	
Solitary Sandpiper					2	16				4	

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	3-5 SECO PL/FH	4 BR MT	5 CL MT	11 RMP M/A	12 BARR PLNS	16-20 SE/SC PL/MT	18 P/L PLN	22 CSP PLN	25 GP MT	26 NECO PLNS	29 CC PL
Willet						1					
Spotted Sandpiper	5				3	8				1	
Upland Sandpiper	1					1					
Long-billed Curlew						2					
Marbled Godwit	1					2					
Sanderling	1										
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1					7					
Western Sandpiper	18					2				2	
Least Sandpiper	18				1	30				27	
White-rumped Sandpiper						1					
Baird's Sandpiper	6				15	200	8			15	
Stilt Sandpiper					1	2					
Long-billed Dowitcher	3					21				3	
Common Snipe										9	
Wilson's Phalarope	3					200					
Red-necked Phalarope						11					
Franklin's Gull	1700				1900	8	300	3		1000	
Ring-billed Gull	192				100	160	3	3		180	85
California Gull	352				1	30	50	1			60
Common Tern	1										
Forster's Tern	3					20					
Least Tern						6					
Black Tern	6				4	20					
Rock Dove	117				2	120	4			30	
Band-tailed Pigeon		40				8					
Mourning Dove	550	3			7	400	120	7		300	9
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7					4	2	1			
Common Barn-owl	1										
Eastern Screech-owl						1-H					
Western Screech-owl						3					
Great Horned Owl	1					3		2			
Burrowing Owl	8				1	40		9		3	6
Common Nighthawk	138					120	6	4			
Common Poorwill						3					
Chimney Swift	2										
White-throated Swift	2										
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	12	31	2			4		2	27		1
Rufous Hummingbird		2				4					
Belted Kingfisher	3	1				3		2		3	2
Lewis' Woodpecker	26					20					
Red-headed Woodpecker	4					4				2	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				1		3			1		
Williamson's Sapsucker		5	1	2		3			1		
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1					2					
Downy Woodpecker	3				1	3		5		2	
Hairy Woodpecker	1	2							2		
Three-toed Woodpecker						16e					
Northern Flicker	5	8	1			10		4		1	6
"Yellow-shafted" race							1				
"Red-shafted" race				2			3		3		
Olive-sided Flycatcher						5		1		4	
Western Wood-pewee	6	5		2		5	4	3		2	
Empidonax sp.	1						2	1			
Willow Flycatcher	2										
Least Flycatcher	1										
Western Flycatcher	3					1			2		
Eastern Phoebe	3					6					

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	3-5 SECO PL/FH	4 BR MT	5 CL MT	11 RMP M/A	12 BARR PLNS	16-20 SE/SC PL/MT	18 P/L PLN	22 CSP PLN	25 GP MT	26 NECO PLNS	29 CC PL
Say's Phoebe	1										
Ash-throated Flycatcher						2					
Cassin's Kingbird	3					1					
Western Kingbird	1025				2	300	5	13	1	35	
Eastern Kingbird	14				4	10	8	4		5	
Horned Lark	690			6	4	200	70			10	2
Tree Swallow	1	10				75		6			
Violet-green Swallow	5	35		12		90		8	1		2
No. Rough-winged Swallow						5		5			
Bank Swallow	2					3				10	
Cliff Swallow	575	2				100		17		30	
Barn Swallow	350			23	6	350	75	10	2	275	41
Gray Jay			6	5					1		
Steller's Jay	3	8		7		3			7		
Blue Jay	6					1				5	
Scrub Jay	3					3					
Pinyon Jay						25					
Clark's Nutcracker			3	30		15			17		
Black-billed Magpie	29	4	4	1	2	20		20	3	5	5
American Crow	18	2	4	1		6	3	2	12		
Chihuahuan Raven	2					6					
Common Raven			2	2		10			1		
Black-capped Chickadee	10	4				1		16		7	
Mountain Chickadee	15	8	4	9		20			10		
Plain Titmouse						1					
Bushtit						10					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	10					2	2			1	
White-breasted Nuthatch	5	15				5			2		
Pygmy Nuthatch	15	10							6		
Rock Wren	10					30		6			
Canyon Wren	4					3					
Bewick's Wren	3					8					
House Wren	21	8		2	1	NONE?	1	4		25	
Marsh Wren						2				2	
American Dipper				2		1					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			1					
Eastern Bluebird						2im					
Mountain Bluebird	2	12	2			40			8		
Townsend's Solitaire		6	2	1		3					
Swainson's Thrush									1		
Hermit Thrush						2					
American Robin	70	24	4	7	4	10	5	2	17	30	5
Northern Mockingbird	14				1	15	4				
Sage Thrasher						15					
Brown Thrasher	6					1	3			4	
Water Pipit				9		40					
Loggerhead Shrike	2				2	8	3			4	
European Starling	2000		4		13	500	45	14		250	
Solitary Vireo	1										
Warbling Vireo		3				1					
Red-eyed Vireo	1										
Virginia's Warbler	2										
Northern Parula	1ma										
Yellow Warbler	9					10	2	4	1	5	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		3	3			5					
"Audubon's" race				3					7		

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	3-5 SECO PL/FH	4 BR MT	5 CL MT	11 RMP M/A	12 BARR PLNS	16-20 SE/SC PL/MT	18 P/L PLN	22 CSP PLN	25 GP MT	26 NECO PLNS	29 CC PL
American Redstart	2ma										
Common Yellowthroat	3									18	
Wilson's Warbler				4		1		1	1	4	
Yellow-breasted Chat	6										
Western Tanager	1	1				1		7	1		
Black-headed Grosbeak	1							1		1fe	3
Blue Grosbeak	18				4	7	2			1ma	
Lazuli Bunting	7									1	
Indigo Bunting	4										
Green-tailed Towhee	1					3					
Rufous-sided Towhee	30					1		1			
Brown Towhee	3					7					
Cassin's Sparrow						15					
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1					2					
Chipping Sparrow	6	1		6		60		2	6	5	
Brewer's Sparrow						20				15	
Spizella sp.								10			
Vesper Sparrow	20	5				40	2				
Lark Sparrow	230				4	450	50	6		5	
Sage Sparrow (plains)						1im?					
Lark Bunting	2600				30	350	100	1		45	
Savannah Sparrow	6					25					
Grasshopper Sparrow	2										
Song Sparrow		1							2	1	
Lincoln's Sparrow				4		1			1		
White-crowned Sparrow			3			9			22		
Dark-eyed Junco						35sp?					
"Gray-headed" race		10		10					23		
McCown's Longspur							8				
Red-winged Blackbird	220	35	2	5		20	100	144		15	83
Western Meadowlark	135				5	500	30	3		10	8
Yellow-headed Blackbird	3				15	35	200			2ma	
Brewer's Blackbird	8	7			10	200		7			59
Great-tailed Grackle						20					
Common Grackle	850				10	ONLY 4		1			38
Brown-headed Cowbird	11	6		1	1	1	2			20	
Orchard Oriole	1					1	1			10	
Northern Oriole					2	10		1			
"Bullock's" race	34										
Rosy Finch											
"Brown-capped" race						60					
Pine Grosbeak			6			2					
Cassin's Finch		5				3			13		
House Finch	4	1			9	20		22		25	17
Red Crossbill	14					5					
Pine Siskin	12	36	2			15		2	15	5	
Lesser Goldfinch	20					20					
American Goldfinch	12					5	5			20	
Evening Grosbeak		13		2		10		17	30		
House Sparrow	400				30	20	35		4	210	
TOTAL SPECIES: 210	139	40	21	29	54	168	54	53	39	81	28

ABBREVIATIONS: Plains=PL, PLN, PLNS; Foothills= FH; Mountains= MT; Mountains/Alpine= M/A;
Male= ma; Female= fe; Adult= ad; Immature= im; Heard Only= H.

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1984 REPORTS:

- American Bittern 8-21 (2) Latham Reservoir (JC).
Great Egret 8-17 (3) Barr Lake S.P. (JW); 8-24 (3) & 8-31 (3) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (DJW).
Snowy Egret 8-21 (43) Latham Reservoir (JC).
Cattle Egret 8-12 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC); 8-19 (1) & 8-31 (2) Latham Reservoir (JR).
Green-backed Heron 8-24 through 8-31 (up to 7) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (m.ob.); 8-31 Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).
White-faced Ibis 8-17 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC).
Wood Duck 8-19 (1 male, 1 female) Barr Lake S.P. (JR).
Mississippi Kite 8-23 (1 adult) flying over I-25 at Pueblo (DJW, LH).
Northern Goshawk 8-11 (1 immature) Pingree Park (JC).
Peregrine Falcon 8-17 (1 sub-adult) Barr Lake S.P. (JW).
Northern Bobwhite 8-19 (1) Leffler Wildlife Easement (DB).
Upland Sandpiper 8-28 (2) 1/2 mile east of the intersection of Weld Co. Rds. 38 and 42 (LH, DW).
Long-billed Curlew 8-21 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC).
White-rumped Sandpiper 8-27 (2) Barr Lake S.P. (LH, DW).
Common Tern 8-19 (2) Latham Reservoir (JR); 8-24 (1) & 8-31 (1, winter plumage) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (DJW).
Black Swift 8-25 (4) Hanging Lake, Glenwood Canyon (DB).
Calliope Hummingbird 8-23 (1 male, 1 female) Rye (LH, DJW).
Three-toed Woodpecker 8-11 (1 male, 1 female, 1 immature) Pingree Park (JC).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 8-25 (3) Sunlight Ski Area, southwest of Glenwood Springs (DB).
Cedar Waxwing 8-11 (1 immature) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).
Nashville Warbler 8-30 (1) Black Hollow Reservoir (JC).
Northern Waterthrush 8-27 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (LH, DJW); 8-31 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).
Summer Tanager 8-27 (1 female) Barr Lake S.P. (BR).
Field Sparrow 8-27 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (WL).
Lark Bunting 8-11 (6) Pingree Park (JC).
McCown's Longspur 8-11 (1 female) Pingree Park (JC).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, if possible, and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. IMPORTANT: Send your additional reports to: Jack Reddall
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1984

- OCTOBER 6, ☒ Saturday. Roxborough Park. Leader: Ben Moore (696-1799). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, S. Logan and U.S. 285 (Hampden). Meet leader at 7:45 A.M. at Roxborough Rd. and Rampart Rd. Lunch will be at Chatfield with optional birding afterward.
- 7, ☒ Sunday. Waterton Canyon. Leader: Ken LaBorde (973-3548). 1/2 day. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the park 'n ride, Wadsworth south of U.S. 285 (Hampden). Lunch optional.
- 13, ☒ Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Carpool 7:00 A.M. at Bear Creek Shopping Center, southwest of Hay-D&F, Sheridan & Hampden. Meet leader at 7:30 A.M. at West Gate.*

OCTOBER 14, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: John Bregar (741-3941). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot.*

✓ 20 & 21 Saturday and Sunday. Monte Vista and Alamosa Wildlife Refuges. See Sandhill and Whooping Cranes. Meet guide at 2:00 P.M. Saturday at Monte Vista W.L.R. headquarters, 6 miles south of Monte Vista. Call Field Trip Arrangers for carpooling and details. Motel suggestion: Monte Vista Motor Inn, 1519 Grand Ave., 81144, telephone 1-852-3584.

✓ 20, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet leader at the west gate at 7:30 A.M.*

✓ 27, Saturday. Bear Creek plains to mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-DEF, Sheridan & Hampden.*

✓ 28, Sunday. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME. Red Rocks Park and vicinity. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Red Rocks Trading Post. 1/2 day.

* BRING LUNCH

Submitted by:

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TRIP ARRANGERS

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to :
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2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - white form vs. blue form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - Bullock's race vs. Baltimore race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine, etc.).
5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.
6. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

Compiling monthly data of Field Trips is an important but difficult and time-consuming task. Field Trip Leaders can assist greatly by adhering to the above instructions.

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Dec. 4, meet
No Jan. meet

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SEPTEMBER 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- SEPTEMBER 1, Saturday. Hudson to Rigli Ranch and surrounding plains (RR). Leader: Joe Rigli.
Observers: Linda Barrett, Joe Beatty, Lori Chappell, Dave and Carolyn Griffiths, Hazel Kellogg, Susan Levin, "Skip" Smith, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 55°-80°). 100 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7½ hours. (34 species, 312 individuals).
- 3, Monday. Castlewood Canyon State Park and Jones Ranch (CW). Leader: Bob Spencer.
Observers: Irma Appelgren, Henry and Vi Bossman, Hazel Kellogg, Don and Jo Shrode, Shirley Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind, light; 58°-80°). 63 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 8 hours. (46 species, 333 individuals).

SPRING COUNT

SEPTEMBER 8, Saturday:

Red Rocks (RR). Leader: Allen Stokes. Observer: Gordon Hodgson. (Clear, calm, 70°). (21 species 125 individuals).

Lower Bear Creek (BCPK). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Virginia Bleck, Bill and Sylvia Brockner, Warren Finch, Hazel Kellogg, Rex McGehee, Bob Richter, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny, calm, 46°-83°). 9 hours. 25 miles by car, 8 miles on foot. (61 species, 5778 individuals).

Chatfield (CSP). Leader: Frank Justice. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Kathy Hirst, Jan Justice, Wayne Wathen. (Clear, light wind, 47°-80°). 8 hours 50 minutes. 15 miles by car, 3½ miles by foot (67 species, 760 individuals).

Waterton (WTR). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Dan Bridges, Dick Pratt. (Clear, calm, 60°-85°). 10 miles by car, 7 miles on foot. (63 species, 1329 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 9, Sunday:

Barr Lake (BAR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Warren Finch, Sharon Hines, John Leonard, Jack Reddall, Mary Richardson, Vic Zerbi, Diane Zutman. (Clear, calm, 55°-87°). 9½ hours. 6 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. (78 species, 2517 individuals).

Barr Periphery (BPV). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Marcia Cardetti, Lynn Roberts. (Clear, wind 0-10 mph, 65°-75°). 7½ hours. 58½ miles by car, 1 mile by foot. (46 species, 2515 individuals).
NOTES: Bromley Lane, Hudson, Banner Lakes, Ireland Res., Prospect Res., Tower Rd., Buckley Rd.--no mudflats, many dove hunters.

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Breckon, June Hyman, Don and Jo Shrode, Toby Titman. (Sunny, warm, calm, 53°-85°). 7 hours. 12 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. (35 species, 1415 individuals).

Castlewood Canyon (CW). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Dan Bridges, Vivian Pliler, Laurie Sharp. (Clear, light wind, 50°-80°). (57 species, 453 individuals).

FALL COUNT SUMMARY:	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS
1984	150	14,892
1983	150	10,392
1982	141	7,390
1981	149	12,315

Compiled by Carol Hack

SEPTEMBER 15, Saturday. Greeley area parks, South Platte River, Latham Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir (GRE). Leader: Jerry Cairo. Observers: Hilda and Steve Eichenberger, Virginia Ham, Marlene Harding, Dorothy Hill, Hazel Kellogg, Don and Jo Shrode, Art and Helen Stiles Wainwright, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast all day; wind, N to NE, 5-25 mph; 43°-58°). 96 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 9 hours. (76 species, 3803 individuals).

16, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WG). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Virginia Ham, Mary Louise Myers, Don and Jo Shrode. (Cloudy, cool). 3 miles on foot. 5½ hours. (33 species 423 individuals).

16, Sunday. Jackson Reservoir (JACKS). Observers: Wade Leitner, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; wind, variable 0-3 mph; 50°-70°). 50 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 11 hours. (114 species, 37,908 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 22, Saturday. Boulder Area: Bluebell Canyon, Boulder Creek (CU campus), AAA pond, Walden pond, Gaynor Lake #2, Union Reservoir. (BLD). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Dan Bridges, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Lori Chappell, Virginia Edens, Virginia Ham, Shirley Jagger, Hazel Kellogg, Rich Maslow, Mary McClintock, Ben Moore, Mary Louise Myers, Harold Oliver, Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind 5-15 mph; 530-760). 7 hours. 62 miles by car, 1 mile by foot. (87 species, 2927 individuals).

23, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery (W/F). Leader: Jo Shrode. Observers: Ila Clark, June Hyman, Don Shrode. (Wind, calm; 510-760). 4 hours. 3 miles on foot. (29 species, 531 individuals).

29, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Prewitt Reservoir and Jackson Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Jerry Cairo. Observers: Dan Bridges, Lori Chappell, John Leonard, Rex McGehee, Nicki Pliler, Bob Spencer. (Cloudy early, becoming clear; wind 0-10 mph; 330-580). 1 hours. 240 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. (94 species, 4674 individuals).

30, Sunday. Northwest Denver Lakes: Sloan's Lake, Crown Hill, Prospect Park (NWD). Leaders: Diana and Don Mullineaux. Observers: Norma and Joe Schwed. (Sunny; wind cal 4½ hours. 12 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (40 species, 1225 individuals).

SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	-- -- -- FALL COUNT -- -- --											15 GRE PLN	16 WG PL	16 JACKS PLAIN	22 BLD PLN	23 W/F PLN	29 NECO PLNS	30 NWD PLN
	1 RR PL	3 CW PF	8 RR FH	8 BCPK PLNS	8 CSP PLN	8 WTR PLN	9 BAR PLN	9 BPY PLN	9 CCR PLN	9 CW FH	TOT.							
Pied-billed Grebe				14		1		1	6	1	23		4	1	14	2	3	3
Eared Grebe				1	1				1		3						6	
Western Grebe							65	3			68	24		350	900		58	10
American White Pelican							125	30			155	850		5000	1		1000	
Double-crested Cormorant		1		43	57			12	2		114	200		5000	3		25	1
Great Blue Heron				10	2		16	3	4		35	4		40	11	1	7	
Snowy Egret					1						1	3		1				
Cattle Egret												48						
Black-crowned Nt. Heron				1					4		5	2	3		1	3	2	5
White-faced Ibis								1			1	12		8	1			
Canada Goose		12		584	102	1	200	16			903	30	65	25	140	6	6	426
Wood Duck					3	2					5	4						
Green-winged Teal				2			250	10			262	10		500	38		34	6
Mallard		3		1239	33	36	450	38	27	3	1826		75	100	16	9	25	125
Northern Pintail				17	2		19				38			4	7			
Blue-winged Teal				7					2	3	12	6		10	6			
Cinnamon Teal												10			2			
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.					1		4	1			6							1
Northern Shoveler				6			15				21	1		50	5		33	
Gadwall							6				6	4	5	3	4		4	90
American Wigeon				665	1	100	30	2			798			10	550		4	2
Redhead				22							22				5	2		
Canvasback X Redhead															1			
Ring-necked Duck				2							2				23			
Lesser Scaup												16						1
Bufflehead												16						1
Ruddy Duck				16		2					18	12						
Turkey Vulture		9					1			30	31			1		1	1	
Osprey															1	1		
Northern Harrier	1					1	4	2		1	8	1		1m26			4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1					1				1	2				1		1	
Cooper's Hawk					1	2	1				4						1	
Buteo sp.																1		
Swainson's Hawk	3	3			1		50	25			76	3		7	4		2	1

- FALL COUNT -

SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	1 RR PL	3 CW PF	8 RR FH	8 BCPK PLNS	8 CSP PLN	8 WTR PLN	9 BAR PLN	9 BPV PLN	9 CCR PLN	9 CW FH	TOT.	15 GRE PLN	16 WG PL	16 JACKS PLAIN	22 BLD PLN	23 W/F PLN	29 NECO PLNS	30 NWD PLN
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1		2	1	1	6			1	11	1			1		10	1
Ferruginous Hawk					1						1			2ad	1			
Golden Eagle		1			1						1							
American Kestrel	1			5	1	10	2	4			22	15		5	14	3	15	1
Peregrine Falcon							1				1				1			
Prairie Falcon		1					1			1	2			1				
Ring-necked Pheasant	10				1				1		2			25				
Virginia Rail				1					2		3							
Sora								2	1		3							
American Coot				1050	9	50	20	65	2		1196	25	6	200	60	2	13	10
Sandhill Crane																	78	
Black-bellied Plover																	3	
Semipalmated Plover														5			2	
Killdeer	14	30		69	13	12	165	65	16	6	346	125	1	1000	35		225	3
American Avocet							22				22			15	2		2	
Greater Yellowlegs		1						3			3			2	16		200	
Lesser Yellowlegs		1					65				65	32		76	14		150	
Solitary Sandpiper	1	2				1	1	1			3			1			1	
Willet							1				1							
Spotted Sandpiper		2		1	2						3		1					
Long-billed Curlew														1				
Hudsonian Godwit														1				
Marbled Godwit														1			2	
Red Knot														1				
Sanderling							8				8	3		20	2		1	
Semipalmated Sandpiper							7				7			4			1	
Western Sandpiper												1						
Least Sandpiper							5				5	1		125			22	
Baird's Sandpiper	1				3		325	1			329	73		800			350	
Pectoral Sandpiper				1			1				2	4		15	2		25	
Stilt Sandpiper							33				33			200			2	
Short-billed Dowitcher							1				1							
Long-billed Dowitcher							1				1	4		15	3		171	
Common Snipe					1			1			2	1	1		6		1	
Wilson's Phalarope														5			1	
Red-necked Phalarope							5				5			25	17			
Franklin's Gull				242			110	110	2		464	750		1500	500			50
Ring-billed Gull				91	75	5	75	80	240		566	230	10	800	30	27	123	130
California Gull	8			85	5	1	4	2	230		327	3		100	5		3	
Herring Gull														1im				
Sabine's Gull														1im				
Common Tern														2			1im	
Forster's Tern							1		1		2	1		2			3	
Black Tern							2				2			10				
Rock Dove		50		46		85	30	9	18	20	208	20	50	20	65		13	112
Mourning Dove	99	2	3	31	8	9	28	14	13	30	136	22	6	25	4	14	18	1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				2	3						5	1						
Common Barn-owl	1																	
Great Horned Owl				1		1	1			2	5	2		2			2	
Burrowing Owl					7				12		19			2	1			
Long-eared Owl										1	1							
Common Nighthawk							1				1			1			2	
Common Poorwill										2	2							
White-throated Swift			1			17					18							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				4		2				2	8				1			
Belted Kingfisher		1		5	8	2			1	1	17	3	2		2		2	1

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Lewis' Woodpecker		1													1			
Red-headed Woodpecker							2				2			1				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker															1			
Williamson's Sapsucker						1					1							
Downy Woodpecker				1	6	9	5	1		2	24	3			2		4	1
eastern races														2				
Hairy Woodpecker						1				2	3						1	
eastern races														1				
Northern Flicker		2	2	78	6	8	3		2	6	105	5	13	3	2	16		
"Yellow-shafted" race																	20	1
"Red-shafted" race																	30	11
Western Wood-Pewee	4			2	3	12	4			1	22			1	2			
Empidonax sp.							4				4							
Willow Flycatcher							1				1			1				
Dusky Flycatcher							1				1							
Eastern Phoebe																	1	
Say's Phoebe										2	2							
Cassin's Kingbird												1		2				
Western Kingbird	6	2			1	1	2	3		4	11	1		1				
Eastern Kingbird								1			1	1		1				
Horned Lark	20	6			20		1	20		6	47			30			5	
Tree Swallow					6						6				4			
Violet-green Swallow				1	1	300			2		304							
No. Rough-winged Swallow					1						1							
Bank Swallow								2			2			1				
Cliff Swallow									20		20			1				
Barn Swallow	33	17		50	17	130	150	270	23	12	652	830	11	750	60	2	58	4
Steller's Jay			2							2	4				6			
Blue Jay				6		3					9	12	5	3	7	8	12	
Scrub Jay		10			1	8				20	29							
Black-billed Magpie	2	1	10	100	31	76	27	1	18	20	283	8	20	10	9	40	8	6
American Crow		1	5			1				2	8	5			2	1		
Common Raven			3		2						5				4			
Black-capped Chickadee		8	8	24	29	46	23			20	150	4	2	8	4	3	35	
Mountain Chickadee										2	2				5			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1					2	2		4	8	1		10	3		3	
White-breasted Nuthatch		1			3					8	11				1	1	1	
Pygmy Nuthatch		10								2	2				2			
Rock Wren			1			2	1			4	8			2			2	
Canyon Wren		1	1							2	3							
House Wren	2			2	3	9	5			8	27	3		25			1	
Marsh Wren												1						
American Dipper															1			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet															1	1	3	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										1	1						1	
Mountain Bluebird		4								8	8							3
Townsend's Solitaire		1															5	
Swainson's Thrush												1		8			1	
Hermit Thrush														1			1	
American Robin	2	6	55	120	15	84	8			30	312	24	12	5	40	125	83	50
Gray Catbird			4			4	1		1		10			3	1			
Northern Mockingbird	1		1											1				
Sage Thrasher	2					1					1			1				
Brown Thrasher	3						1				1	3		3			1	
Water Pipit							1				1							
Cedar Waxwing					6	12					18				12		45	

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European Starling	9	15	1	317	28	4	18	410		40	818	150	30	600	15	80	200	105
Solitary Vireo										1	1			1			1	
Warbling Vireo						1					1	1		1				
Philadelphia Vireo				1							1							
Red-eyed Vireo	1													1				
Tennessee Warbler															2			
Orange-crowned Warbler							1				1	1	1	1	3		8	
Nashville Warbler																	1	
Virginia's Warbler			1		1	6					8			1				
Yellow Warbler	1	1			4		8				12			2	1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler				16			1			1	18				15			
"Myrtle" race														1			10	
"Audubon's" race														9			12	2
Black-throated Gray Wblr.				1							1							
Townsend's Warbler										1	1			16e				
American Redstart												16e		10				
Ovenbird											1							
Northern Waterthrush							1				1							
MacGillivray's Warbler						1					1							
Common Yellowthroat				2	1	1		1			5	1	1	1m16			1	
Wilson's Warbler	20			3		1	9	2			15	2		15	11		8	1
Yellow-breasted Chat					1	3					4							
Western Tanager			1	9	7	14	2			4	37			2	3		2	
Black-headed Grosbeak					1						1							
Lazuli Bunting					1						1			1				
Green-tailed Towhee			1	2	1	11	2				17			2	1			
Rufous-sided Towhee		3	13	2	8	18				12	53				9		3	
eastern races						1					1							
Chipping Sparrow		1		8	5	2		20		6	41			15	1			
Clay-colored Sparrow								2			2	1		2			1	
Brewer's Sparrow	6					2					2			4	2		1	
Spizella sp.						12	9	10			31	12						
Vesper Sparrow	2	7		6	14	14		15	3	40	92	32		35	16		27	1
Lark Sparrow	2				4	1	2	2		2	11	3		2				
Lark Bunting	16											4		1			1	
Song Sparrow				5	1	2					8		4					
Lincoln's Sparrow							1				1	1		2			1	
White-crowned sparrow							3			1	4			1	1	15	12	7
Dark-eyed Junco															1		1	
McCown's Longspur														3				
Chestnut-collared Longs.														13			20	
Red-winged Blackbird				45	75	21	8	195	300	8	652	15	5	50	35	4	120	32
Western Meadowlark	7	1		11	9	6	1	5	15	20	67	1		10	4		10	1
Yellow-headed Blackbird					1			120	8		129	11		25			1000	
Brewer's Blackbird		70			30	6			350		386	35		2		57	11	1
Common Grackle			2	32	3		25	750	10		822	3	15	20000	60	28	52	4
Brown-headed Cowbird	6	2							12		12				2			
Northern Oriole																		
"Bullock's" race	1												2					
House Finch		1	2	490	54	4			65	4	619	1	25	2	6	50		4
Red Crossbill		3								3	3							
Pine Siskin		3		18	4	40				12	74	1		25			2	9
Lesser Goldfinch		1				49	1			1	51		1					
American Goldfinch		3	8	6	12	59	10	3	1	20	119	2	5	20	2		63	
Evening Grosbeak				42							42		35					
House Sparrow	25	30		113			14	180		4	311	71	5	50	50	30	27	
TOTAL SPECIES-191	34	46	21	61	67	63	78	46	35	57	150	76	33	114	87	29	94	40

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma, m; Female=fe, f; Immature=im, i; Plains=P, PL, PLN, PLNS; Foothills=F, FH
Heard Only=H.

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1984 REPORTS:

- Horned Grebe 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Great Egret Seen each weekend all month (up to 7) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (LH, DW, JW); 9-15 (9 and 9-23 (9) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (DM).
Cattle Egret 9-1 (12) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (DW, JW); 9-5 (46) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (J 9-28 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
White-faced Ibis 9-25 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Hooded Merganser 9-7 (1 female) Chatfield State Park (FJ).
Osprey 9-14 (1) flying downstream high over the South Platte River, Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 9-25 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Swainson's Hawk 9-3 (approx. 200) Barr Lake State Park (JL, DS).
Merlin 9-6 (1 female) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Co. (PL, WL, DM).
Peregrine Falcon 9-3 (1 adult) Barr Lake S.P. (JL, DS); 9-8 (2) Barr Lake S.P. (LH, DW).
Virginia Rail 9-30 (2, heard only) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Sandhill Crane 9-15 (1 adult) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (DB).
Black-bellied Plover 9-23 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR).
Lesser Golden-plover 9-22 (2) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JC); 9-23 (6) Jackson Reservoir (JR). 9-23 (1) and 9-25 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (LH, DW, JW).
Long-billed Curlew 9-2 (11) Barr Lake S.P. (DS); 9-3 (7) Barr Lake S.P. (DN, JR).
Hudsonian Godwit 9-23 (1, non-breeding plumage) Jackson Reservoir (JR)-probably same bird as seen on 9-16 (only second fall record for Colorado-?).
Red Knot 9-18 (1) Jackson Reservoir (WF, DS).
Dunlin 9-9 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JC).
Buff-breasted Sandpiper 9-3 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (DN, JR).
Parasitic Jaeger 9-2 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (WL, DW, JW).
Herring Gull 9-14 (1 adult) North Sterling Reservoir, Logan Co. (JR).
Black-legged Kittiwake 9-2 (1 immature) Barr Lake S.P. (LH).
Sabine's Gull 9-9 (1 immature) Jackson Reservoir (JC); 9-14 (2 immatures) Jackson Reservoir (JR); 9-16 (1 adult) Barr Lake S.P. (LH, DW); 9-20 (1) Jackson Reservoir (WWB); 9-25 (1 sub-adult) Barr Lake S.P. (JW); 9-29 (1 immature) and 9-30 (2 immatures) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 9-3 (1 immature) Union Reservoir (LH).
Common Tern 9-22 (4) Union Reservoir (LH); 9-23 (1) Union Reservoir (DM); 9-28 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Common Barn-owl 9-7 (3) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (PL, WL, DM); 9-18 (1) Jackson Reservoir (WF, DS).
Eastern Screech-owl 9-3 (1, seen and heard) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DM); 9-16 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (BR); 9-21 (1) Colorado State Preserve - ? (JC); 9-20 (1) South Platte River - ? (JC); 9-24 (1, heard only) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DM, DN).
Western Screech-owl 9-6 (8, seen and heard) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (PL, WL, DM).
Screech-owl species 9-25 (1) Boulder Creek on CU campus (DW).
Short-eared Owl 9-18 (1) Jackson Reservoir (WF, DS).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird 9-11 (1) Franktown (MOS).
Rufous Hummingbird 9-7 (1 male) Chatfield S.P. (FJ).
Red-bellied Woodpecker 9-1 (1) Hale, Yuma Co. (DB).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9-22 (1) Evergreen (WWB).
Williamson's Sapsucker 9-12 (1) Evergreen (WWB).
Olive-sided Flycatcher 9-2 (1) Eaton Park - ? (JC).
Western Wood-pewee 9-27 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Cir., Aurora (MOS).
Willow Flycatcher 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Dusky Flycatcher 9-3 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JR).
Eastern Phoebe 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Cassin's Kingbird 9-14 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JR).
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 9-8 (1) along U.S. Hwy. 50, 8 miles west of Lamar, Prowers Co. (PL, WL, DM).
Pinyon Jay 9-15 (7) Hayden Pass, Sangre de Cristo Mountains (DB).
Marsh Wren 9-5 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC).

- Golden-crowned Kinglet 9-19 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WL, DM).
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 9-30 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
 Townsend's Solitaire 9-7 (1) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (PL, WL, DM).
 Philadelphia Vireo 9-1 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (DW, JW); 9-1 (1) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (DB); 9-7 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJ); 9-8 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt (WWB). An incredible number of sightings for a very rare Colorado bird and a tricky identification in Fall plumage--ED!
 Tennessee Warbler 9-15 (1) Fort Collins (JC).
 Nashville Warbler 9-8 Blue Lake, Otero Co.-? (PL, WL, DM); 9-10 (2) and 9-30 (2) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WL, DM).
 Chestnut-sided Warbler 9-19 (1) Boulder Creek on CU campus (LH).
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 9-23 (1 female) and 9-24 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WL, DM).
 Townsend's Warbler 9-1 (1) Pawnee National Grasslands (DW, JW); 9-2 (4) Black Hollow Dam-? (JC); 9-6 (1 female) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (WL, DM); 9-7 (2) and 9-8 (2) Barr Lake S.P. (LH, DW, JW); 9-22 (1) Sawhill Ponds (JW); 9-24 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WL, DM); 9-26 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Cir., Aurora (MOS); 9-29 (1 male, 1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DM, DN); 9-30 (2) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DM, DN).
 Blackburnian Warbler 9-9 (1) Evergreen (WWB).
 Black-and-white Warbler 9-1 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (DB); 9-24 (2 males) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WL, DM).
 Ovenbird 9-2 (1) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (DB); 9-23 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DM).
 Northern Waterthrush 9-12 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DM).
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 9-25 (1 immature male) Niwot (LH).
 Cassin's Sparrow 9-15 (1) Weld Co.-? (JC).
 Chipping Sparrow (16 banded during the month) 161 Del Mar Cir., Aurora - "twice the number usually banded at this location in September" (MOS).
 Field Sparrow 9-25 (3) Barr Lake S.P. (JW).
 White-throated Sparrow 9-15 (1 immature) Fort Collins (JC).
 Dark-eyed Junco ("Oregon" race) 9-29 (1) Evergreen (WWB).
 Cassin's Finch 9-24 (6) Evergreen (WWB).
 Red Crossbill 9-9 (2 males, 1 female) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (DB); 9-15 (25) near Antero Reservoir (DB).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, if possible, and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.

4. IMPORTANT: Send your additional reports to: Jack Reddall
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1984

1. NOVEMBER 3, Saturday. Bedalia, Plum Creek, Castlewood. Leader: Dan Bridges (755-7665, call after October 28). Meet at 7:30 AM Dry Creek Shopping Center, S. Logan and U.S. 285. Lunch stop will be at home of Paul Rechel.*
2. NOVEMBER 4, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Wade Leitner (699-7281). Meet at 7:30 AM at the west gate of Cherry Creek Rec. Area.*

NOVEMBER 10, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot.*

11, Sunday. Boulder Area. Leader: Doug Ward (666-8985). Carpool at 7:30 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot (38th and Wadsworth. Meet leader at 8:15 AM at Pancake H lot, Baseline and Broadway in Boulder.*

✓ 17, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 7:30 AM at Be Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F (Hampden and Sheridan).*

✓ 18, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143). ½ day. Meet at 7:30 A at Prospect Park (44th Ave. and about Robb). Lunch Optional.

✓ 24, Saturday. Bear Creek. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F (Hampden and Sheridan).*

✓ 25, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). ½ day. Meet at 7:30 AM at mortuary parking lot on Quebec south of Alameda. Lunch optional.

*BRING LUNCH

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer 279-4682
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TRIP ARRANGERS

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to:

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2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.

3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - white form vs. blue form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - Bullock's race vs. Baltimore race) with your summary.

4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., plains, foothills, mountains, alpine, etc.).

5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.

6. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

Compiling monthly data of Field Trips is an important but difficult and time-consuming task. Field Trip Leaders can assist greatly by adhering to the above instructions.

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CARPOOL wherever possible when going on field trips. When contemplating joining a field trip, please contact the Trip Leader ahead of time so that he/she can better arrange carpooling. Expenses should be shared. Suggested cost is \$.10 per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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OCTOBER 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

OCTOBER 6, Saturday. Castlewood Canyon S.P. and Cherry Creek Reservoir (CWCC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; wind, NE, 5-15 MPH; 43°-65°). 73 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 11 hours. (77 species, 1206 individuals).

6, Saturday. Roxborough State Park (RX). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Joann Bushell, Karen Bushell, Ralph Ehret, Alan Hahn, Virginia Ham, Kris Joy, Barbara Jubrias, Mary Louise Myers, Peter Root, Scot Sedlacek, Gary Shirk, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind, NW, 0-5 MPH; 45°-68°). 3½ miles on foot. 5 hours. (26 species, 162 individuals).

- OCTOBER 7, Sunday. Waterton Canyon and Chatfield S.P. (WC). Leader: Ken LaBorde. Observers: Tom and Virginia Faxton, Evan and Ives Hannay, Gary Shirk, Vic Zerbi. (Partly cloudy to clear; windy in early A.M.; 40°-70°). 12 miles by car, 2½ miles on foot. 4½ hours. (43 species, 232 individuals).
- 13, Saturday. East Central Colorado: along U.S. Hwy 36 from Byers to Bonny Reservoir and Hale (ECCO). Observers: Laurens Halsey, Doug and Judy Ward. (Overcast early, clearing; wind, 0-5 MPH; 45°-65°). 170 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (72 species, 3460 individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Chatfield S.P. (CSP). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Joan Bushnell, Karen Bushnell, Mike DeHarte, Ruby Ebricht, Jerry Franklin, Jan Justice, Hazel Kellogg, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; warm). 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8 hours. (53 species, 1179 individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Barr Lake S.P. Leader: John Bregar. TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
- 20, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Wanda Dudek, Ken LaBorde. (Cloudy; wind calm; 29°-33°). 10 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. 4½ hours. (27 species, 601 individuals).
- 20, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, Orchard, Prospect Reservoir (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy becoming overcast with light snow in P.M.; wind NNE, 5-15 MPH; 25°-34°). 223 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 11½ hours. (70 species, 9829 individuals).
- 20-21, Saturday and Sunday. Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding area (MVNWR). Leader: John Kauffeld (Refuge staff). Observers: Virginia Edens, Virginia Ham, Homer and Sharma Hotcher, Nick Kauffeld, Hazel Kellogg, Wade and Pat Leitner, Jack and Thea Merchant, Debby O'Brien, Nicki Pliler, Ruth Wheeler, Vic Zerbi. (Partly cloudy to overcast; wind, 5-20 MPH; 25°-40°). 7½ hours. (48 species, 11,626 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Bear Creek (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Peggy Duffy, Virginia Edens, Alan Hay, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Ken LaBorde, Terry Maguire, Don and Jo Shrode, Lorraine Stepenske, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, 35°-55°). 30 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (36 species, 225 individuals).
- 28, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Fred Hager, Dick Schottler. (Clear; wind calm; 28°-45°). 4 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 4 hours. (22 species, 268 individuals).

SPECIAL FIELD TRIP: Monterey, California including boat trip. October 6, 7, and 8. Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Alan and Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Tim Schowalter, Dick Schottler. (90 species).

OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	6 CWCC FHPL	6 RX FH	7 WC PL	13 ECCO PLNS	13 CSP PLN	20 CCR PLN	20 NECO PLNS	20-21 MVNWR PLAIN	27 BC PF	28 RR FH
Common Loon						3				
Pied-billed Grebe	6			3	4	10	1		2	
Horned Grebe	3									
Eared Grebe	15			8	1	12	8			
Western Grebe	150		25	8	50	122	125			
American White Pelican							500			

OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	6 CWCC FHPL	6 RX FH	7 WC PL	13 ECCO PLNS	13 CSP PLN	20 CCR PLN	20 NECO PLNS	20-21 MVNWR PLAIN	27 BC PF	28 RR FH
Double-crested Cormorant	12				15	2	1000			
Great Blue Heron	30			6	3		3			
Black-crowned Night Heron	4im									
Ross' Goose							1ad			
Canada Goose			15	300	30	10	35	140	15	
Wood Duck	1m16				4					
Green-winged Teal	12			50				2		
Mallard	20		5	300	33	60	2200	150	22	
Northern Pintail				5	10	1	5	6		
Blue-winged Teal	25				2					
Northern Shoveler	3			50			2	20		
Gadwall	1		1	5	8		200	2	10	
American Wigeon	5			15	18		10	18		
Canvasback							6	10		
Redhead	5			20			20	6		
Ring-necked Duck							16e	1		
Greater Scaup (NO DETAILS)					1					
Lesser Scaup							26e	2		
Bufflehead					4		35	1		
Common Merganser					8					
Ruddy Duck	2			4	1		15	4		
Duck sp.				50						
Turkey Vulture		1								
Osprey			1	1				1		
Bald Eagle								1		
Northern Harrier	26e	1		3m26		2	46e	20		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2ad		2	4			1			
Cooper's Hawk	1ad		1		1					
Swainson's Hawk				1ad						
Red-tailed Hawk				14	7			8		
"Western" races	2ad						8a1i		7	1
Ferruginous Hawk	1ad			11	2		2ad	2	1	
Rough-legged Hawk								1		
Buteo sp.				2						
Golden Eagle		3					2im	2		
American Kestrel	3		3	3	5	1	4		4	
Merlin		1								
Prairie Falcon	1						1	1		
Ring-necked Pheasant	7			7		1	1	5		
Sora	3H									
American Coot	25		1	20	102	6	60	7		
Sandhill Crane ("Greater")								10000		
Whooping Crane (plains)								6		
Killdeer								4	2	
American Avocet	1							3		
Greater Yellowlegs	1									
Lesser Yellowlegs	2									
Spotted Sandpiper					2					
Baird's Sandpiper							6	1		
Common Snipe							1	2		
Franklin's Gull				15	1		3			
Ring-billed Gull	100		3	30	25	150	75		1	
California Gull	35				1		10			
Forster's Tern	2									
Rock Dove	33	12		11	50		40	28	5	50
Mourning Dove	12		1	43	4		1	2		

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OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	6 CWCC FHPL	6 RX FH	7 WC PL	13 ECCO PLNS	13 CSP PLN	20 CCR PLN	20 NECO PLNS	20-21 MVNWR PLAIN	27 BC PF	28 RR FH
Green-tailed Towhee			1							
Rufous-sided Towhee	10	8	2	15			1ma			4
American Tree Sparrow							2		15	10
Chipping Sparrow	12		1	9	2					
Clay-colored Sparrow				2						
Field Sparrow				3						
Vesper Sparrow				2	1			1		
Song Sparrow	1		4	2	4		10	3	4	
Lincoln's Sparrow				2			1			
White-throated Sparrow				7	1					1
Golden-crowned Sparrow (NO DETAILS)									1	
White-crowned Sparrow	15	3	5	85	28	1	80		4	5
Harris' Sparrow				6			1im			
Dark-eyed Junco			1					14		20
"Slate-colored" race		1		7					6	15
"Oregon" race		1	1	8			15		2	25
"Gray-headed" race	3	12							2	2
McCown's Longspur				30						
Red-winged Blackbird	15			68	310	32	850	1000		
Western Meadowlark	15	6		228	24	12	90	11		
Brewer's Blackbird	3						200	12		
Common Grackle	1			595			2500		1	
Brown-headed Cowbird								1		
Blackbird sp.				600						
House Finch	10		16		230	28	5		10	25
Red Crossbill	45									
Pine Siskin	25		28	1		15	10	15		
Lesser Goldfinch			3	1						
American Goldfinch	15		13	8	20	10	20	5		
Evening Grosbeak									4	
House Sparrow	25		1	60	6		375	30		
TOTAL SPECIES - 133	77	26	43	72	53	27	70	48	36	22

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma, m. Female=fe, f. Immature=im, i. Adult=ad, a. Plains=PLNS, PLN, PL, P.
 Foothills=FH, F. Heard Only=H.

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1984 REPORTS:

Common Loon 10-25 (6) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson Co. (KL); 10-28 (2, winter plumage) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC); 10-30 (1) Sloan's Lake, Denver (PE).

Red-necked Grebe 10-20 & 10-25 (1, winter plumage) Chatfield S.P. (KL); 10-24 (1) Chatfield S.P. (BR) - Details Submitted.

Great Egret 10-7 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (DW, JW).

Green-backed Heron 10-24 (1) Chatfield S.P. (BR).

Wood Duck 10-13 (1 female) Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR); 10-29 (1 male) water treatment plant north of Silverthorne (MJB).

Canvasback 10-13 (15) Prospect Reservoir (JR); 10-23 (11 males) Bowles and Wadsworth (PE).

Greater Scaup 10-19 (1 female) Chatfield S.P. (BR) - No Details.

White-winged Scoter 10-28 (5 immatures) Union Reservoir (JC) - No Details.

Hooded Merganser 10-31 (1 male, 1 female) "Coors' Pond", 32nd and Indiana, Jefferson Co. (DM).

Merlin 10-23 (1 female) just across highway, north of Chatfield Dam (PE).

Black-bellied Plover 10-13 (2, winter plumage) Jackson Reservoir (JR); 10-15 (1, winter plumage) Windsor, Weld Co. (JC).

Lesser Golden-Plover 10-20 and 10-21 (3) Monte Vista NWR (TJ); 10-31 (2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (BR)

Semipalmated Plover 10-2 (1) Windsor (JC).
Greater Yellowlegs 10-13 (2) intermittent pond at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 67 (JR).
Buff-breasted Sandpiper 10-7 (1) Jackson Reservoir (DW, JW) - sparse details submitted.
Long-billed Dowitcher 10-25 (3) Chatfield S.P. (KL).
Jaeger sp. 10-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (BA).
Bonaparte's Gull 10-28 (2 adults) Union Reservoir (JC).
Sabine's Gull 10-17 (1, sub-adult) Union Reservoir (JC); 10-22 (1, 1st winter) Cherry Creek Reservoir (BR).
Eastern Screech-Owl 10-21 (2 seen, 1 heard only) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DM).
Rock Wren 10-20 (1) Greeley (JC).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 10-5 (2 males) 40 miles west of Fort Collins at 8000 feet (JC).
Mountain Bluebird 10-25 (100) Chatfield S.P. (PE).
Page Thrasher 10-24 (2) Chatfield S.P. (BR).
Northern Shrike 10-13 (1 adult) Jackson Reservoir (JR).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 10-13 (1, immature female) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).
Wilson's Warbler 10-20 (1 male) no location given (PE).
Yellow-breasted Chat 10-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (BA) - very late.
Lincoln's Sparrow 10-28 (1) at feeder, 4644 S. Zang St., Morrison (KL).
White-throated Sparrow 10-13 (1 adult) Jackson Reservoir (JR).
Dark-eyed Junco ("White-winged" race) 10-25 (2) Wheat Ridge (EW).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

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- DECEMBER 1, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Sloan's Lake, 25th and Sheridan. *
- 2, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreational Area. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at west entrance. *

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Submitted by:

Robert Spencer 279-4682
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COUNT LEADER: Paul Rechel (688-6255)

COMPILATION MEETING: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Center

COUNT COMPILERS: Jack Reddall (771-5308) and Kathy Hawkins (757-0809)

Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to count in his or her area or call the Count Leader if you would like to help count in an area which needs more counters. Area Leaders please contact the Count Leader before the Count to indicate how many you have in your area.

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NOVEMBER 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

- NOVEMBER 2, Friday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCRA). Observers: Warren Finch, Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler. (Clear; wind, SW, 10-25 MPH, gusting to 30 MPH; 35°-73°). 34 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours. (51 species, 2551 individuals).
- 3, Saturday. Sedalia, Plum Creek, Castlewood Canyon S.P. (CW). Leaders: Dan Bridges and Paul Rechel. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Ruth Breckon, Jo Ann Bushnell, Karen Bushnell, Mike DeHarte, Hilda Eichenberger, Evan & Ives Hannay, Clara Hassing, Alan & Dee Hay, Ed Holub, Jan Justice, Hazel Kellogg, Rodger Loewi, Susan & Thompson Marsh, Dick Pratt, Don & Jo Shrode, Les and Martha Ann Sylvester, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind, 10-20 MPH; 50°-60°). 80 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8½ hours. (42 species, 259 individuals).
4. Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCRA). Leader: Wade Leitner. Observers: Warren Finch, John Leonard, Rich Maslow, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear to

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partly cloudy; wind, 10 MPH; 35°-60°). 20 miles by car, 4½ miles on foot. 8½ hours. (49 species, 3848 individuals).

- 10, Saturday. Barr Lake S. P. (BAR). Leader: Walter Bull. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Peggy Duffy, Virginia Edens, Alan Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Jo and Don Shrode, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 20°-45°). 56 miles by car, 4½ miles on foot. 6½ hours. (39 species, 2157 individuals).
- 10, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Lafayette to Empire Reservoir via I-76; Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, South Platte River at Orchard (NECOL). Observers: Doug Ward and Judy Ward. (Partly cloudy; wind, light to moderate; 35°-50°). 150 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8½ hours. (165 species, 19,493 individuals).
- 11, Sunday. Boulder area: (foothills)-McClintock Trail at Chataqua Park; (plains)-pond at Mohawk & Baseline, Valmont Reservoir, Walden Pond north Boulder roads, Union Reservoir, Baseline Reservoir (BOLDER). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Ives and Evan Hanny, Alan Hay, Jan Justice, John Leonard. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, light; 42°-55°). 79 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8 hours. (70 species, 2879 individuals).
- 11, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Rocky Mountain Arsenal; Prospect Reservoir; Weld Co. Rds. 73, 4; Morgan Co. Rds. B, 3, U; Bijou Reservoir; Muir Springs Park; Jackson Reservoir (NECOL). Observers: Jack Reddall, Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, Wouth 0-5 MPH; 30°-55°). 251 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 11 hours. (69 species, 26792 individuals).
- 17, Saturday. Chatfield S. P. (CSP). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Marge Brockmeyer, Wanda Dudek, Ruby Ebright, Virginia Hamm, Alan and Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Roger Loewi, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Jack Reddall, Maxine Riley, Don and Jo Shrode, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Martha Zoetewey. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; wind, 5-15 MPH; 30°-48°). 19 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours. (47 species, 676 individuals).
- 18, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: David Martin. Observers: Dan Bridges, Jo Ann Bushnell, Karen Bushnell, Peggy Duffy, Tim Fowler, Ken LaBorde, Wade Leitner, John Leonard, Anne Southcott, Judy Wells. (Clear; wind calm; 18°-48°). 4 miles on foot. 5½ hours. (41 species, 996 individuals).
- 24, Saturday. Bear Creek (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Cleta Abbott, Roy Abbott, Ruth Breckon, Hilda Eichenbarger, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Don Hall, June Hyman, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Tim Maguire, Terry Magire, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Mary Reilly, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort Stantz, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; 35°-45°). 25 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6½ hours. (33 species, 229 individuals).
- 25, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery (W/F). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: John Bregar, Warren Finch, John Leonard, Roger Loewi, Mary Robinson, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi. (Overcast; wind 0-5 MPH; 34°-45°). 1½ miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4½ hours. (32 species, 597 individuals).

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	2 CCRA PLNS	3 CW PF	4 CCRA PLNS	10 BAR PLN	10 NECOL PLAIN	11 BOLDER PLN FH	11 NECOL PLAIN	17 CSP PLN	18 WGB PLN	24 BC PL	25 W/F PLN
Arctic Loon	2		2					1			
Common Loon	20		5		2	4	2	5			
Pied-billed Grege	1				1	6	1	3			
Horned Grebe	5		4			47	6				
Red-necked Grebe (No Details)				1							
Eared Grebe	250		110		18	23	167	1	1		
Western Grebe	125		300	1	45	235	13	2			

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American White Pelican					1		1				
Double-crested Cormorant	5		4		1im		1				
Great Blue Heron						1		2			
Black-crowned Night Heron						1					
Snow Goose											
"White" form	7ad		2		170		316				
"Blue" form					3		1				
Canada Goose	300	50	150	600	5425	520	4200	301	250	24	140
Wood Duck									3		
Green-winged Teal	6		1	2			55		9	4	
Mallard	200	4	40	350	10500	215	15500	70	29	19	26
Northern Pintail				7	6	1	15	3			
Northern Shoveler	1			400	1	5	20	14		1	
Gadwall	2	20	1		13	24	70	4	10	3	
American Wigeon	2fe	3		4	14	108	50	10	6	4	
Canvasback		1		3		3	1fe				
Redhead	2fe			20	4	116	3		14		
Ring-necked Duck						75	3				
Lesser Scaup	1fe	6	4	12	85	13	175	7	13	1	
Oldsquaw					2fe		1fe				
Surf Scoter							1im				
White-winged Scoter	1im						3im				
Common Goldeneye	25		63		40	20	25	11	9		18
Barrow's Goldeneye	1ma		1								
Bufflehead	15		3		45		55	6	1		
Hooded Merganser	1fe				2	5					1fe
Common Merganser	2fe		1ma	6	35	100	45	11			
Red-breasted Merganser	30		25			10	1fe	1fe			
Ruddy Duck	5			1		4	8				
Northern Harrier	1fe			2	2	2fe	1m2fe				
Sharp-shinned Hawk							1ad				
Cooper's Hawk									1		
Northern Goshawk					1im			1ad			
Red-tailed Hawk		10	3		6			2			
"Western" races	1a1i					4	6		1	2	1
"Harlan's" race										1	
Ferruginous Hawk				2	2	3	5ad				
Rough-legged Hawk		2		3	5	2	15	1		1	
Buteo sp.					4						
Golden Eagle		1					1a1i			1	
American Kestrel		1	2		9	9	7	3	1	5	1
Prairie Falcon		3	1		1		2			1	
Ring-necked Pheasant	7		1	2	1	2	4				1
Virginia Rail	2-H		2-H		1-H	1-H					
American Coot	5			2	12	95	3	5	8		2
Killdeer			1			2				1	
Greater Yellowlegs (Good Details)									1		
Common Snipe	1		1		9				9		
Franklin's Gull	500		1								
Bonaparte's Gull	20		12		2ad	11	27				
Ring-billed Gull	300		140	300	40	725	450	4	21	3	9
California Gull	75		1im				10	1			
Herring Gull				1ad	25	4	1ad				
Thayer's Gull			1im	1im	1im						
Glaucous Gull					2ad						
Rock Dove	100	11	45		22	18	25		41	2	20
Mourning Dove			1						9		

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Eastern Screech-Owl									2		
Great Horned Owl		1	1		6		1ad	3		2	
Burrowing Owl	1										
Gull sp.					120						
Belted Kingfisher		1			1	2	2	1	2	3	
Lewis' Woodpecker		6				2					
Downy Woodpecker	1-H		3	1	7	1	1-H	1	1	3	3
Hairy Woodpecker						1					
Northern Flicker		1			15	2	4	4			
"Red-shafted" race	7		6				9		20	14	16
Western Wood-Pewee (Excellent Details)											1
Horned Lark				20	85	2	3000	8			
Steller's Jay		2				10					
Blue Jay		3			6	1	7		1		
Scrub Jay		5									
Clark's Nutcracker						1					
Black-billed Magpie	45	12	25	9	47	4	5	40	19	182	13
American Crow		14			3	3		55	1		52
Chihuahuan Raven (No Details)								1			
Common Raven		3				1					
Black-capped Chickadee	10	11	10	15	15	1	6	11	9	25	5
Mountain Chickadee		2		1	3	50				3	8
Red-breasted Nuthatch		4				25					17
White-breasted Nuthatch		1	1			4		1			
Pygmy Nuthatch		4				20					
Brown Creeper	1	1	1	1		5		3	4	8	2
Canyon Wren		1									
Marsh Wren			1-H								
American Dipper									1	1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet		2				4					4
Townsend's Solitaire		7			3	5	1				6
American Robin		1			50	1	15	7	1		4
Northern Mockingbird											
Northern Shrike	1ad	1	1	1	1		1im	1		1	
European Starling	250	4	2500	30	110	50	750	7	50	16	75
Rufous-sided Towhee					2	1					1
American Tree Sparrow	1	5	25	2	22	25	5	14	19		
Song Sparrow	3		6	1	25	2	3	1	19	3	4
White-crowned Sparrow					55		10	1	5	1	3
Harris' Sparrow							1im	1			
Dark-eyed Junco				2							
"White-winged" race						4					
"Slate-colored" race			2		6	1	1	2		6	25
"Oregon" race	1	3			56	8	6	1	12	8	7
"Gray-headed" race		2			1	4			15	4	
Lapland Longspur							32				
Red-winged Blackbird	40	25	25	250	1220	65	900	6	31	3	
Western Meadowlark					30	8	3	1			
Yellow-headed Blackbird				1							
Brewer's Blackbird				9	1	18	1ma				
Blackbird sp.					800						
Common Grackle					1						
House Finch	130	4	150	2	26	8	75	63	80	16	45
Red Crossbill		1				20					21
Common Redpoll					28	2	1				
Pine Siskin	2	3	40	38	65		100				6
American Goldfinch	15	1	120	40	25	12	30	1	61		2

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	2 CCRA PLNS	3 CW PF	4 CCRA PLNS	10 BAR PLN	10 NECOL PLAIN	11 BOLDER PLN FH	11 NECOL PLAIN	17 CSP PLN	18 WGB PLN	24 BC PL	25 W/F PLN	
Evening Grosbeak												
House Sparrow	20	16	3	14	100	55	1	500	1	39	25	26
TOTAL SPECIES - 110	51	42	49	39	65	70		69	47	41	33	32

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma, m; Female=fe, f; Adult=ad, a; Immature=im, i; Plains=PLAIN, PLNS, PLN, PL, P; Foothills=FH, F; Heard Only=H.

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1984 REPORTS:

Red-throated Loon 11-4 (1, winter plumage) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC)-adequate details.
 Arctic Loon 11-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (BR).
 Cattle Egret 11-4 (2) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).
 Greater White-fronted Goose 11-1 (7) Cherry Creek Reservoir (TJ, BR).
 Snow Goose ("White" form) 11-1 (50) Cherry Creek Reservoir (TJ, BR); 11-3 (1500+) Jackson Reservoir Morgan Co. (JC); 11-10 (1000) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB); 11-11 (1000) Lake Meredith Crowley Co. (DB). ("Blue" form) 11-3 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JC); 11-11 (50) Lake Meredith (DB).
 Ross' Goose 11-1 (2 adults) Cherry Creek Reservoir (TJ, BR); 11-27 (1) Chatfield Arboretum, Jefferson Co. (AB).
 Snow Goose X Ross' Goose 11-2 (1 hybrid immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WF, JR, DS).
 Brant 11-28 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH).
 Surf Scoter 11-1 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (TJ, BR); 11-17 (1) intermittent pond, Weld Co., Rds. 6 & 67 (CH, FH, KH).
 White-winged Scoter 11-1 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (TJ, BR); 11-17 (2) pond north of Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (CH, FH, KH).
 Hooded Merganser 11-22 (1 male) Bijou Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JC); 11-27 (1 immature male) New Windsor Dam, Weld Co. (JC).
 Bald Eagle 11-8 (1 adult) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson/Douglas Co. (AS).
 Cooper's Hawk 11-12 (1 adult) Chatfield State Park (JR).
 Northern Goshawk 11-12 (1 adult) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson Co.; 11-30 (1 immature) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (TJ, BR).
 Red-tailed Hawk ("Harlan's" race) 11-12 (1) Waterton Canyon (JR).
 Golden Eagle 11-24 (2 adults, 1 immature) Weld Co., Rd 4 (JH).
 Merlin 11-21 (1 female) Chatfield State Park (DB, FH).
 Sora 11-22 (1, heard only) Bijou Reservoir (DB).
 Long-billed Dowitcher 11-3 & 11-4 (6) Bent's Old Fort, Otero Co. (DDM).
 Tayer's Gull 11-22 (1 adult) Bijou Reservoir (JC).
 Sabine's Gull 11-3 (1 immature) Latham Reservoir (JC).
 Screech-Owl sp. 11-22 (1) Muir Springs Park (JC).
 Northern Saw-whet Owl 11-19 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas Co. (DB).
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 11-7 (1) 2695 Newland, Wheat Ridge (PE).
 Mountain Chickadee 11-11 (1) Dye Reservoir, Otero Co. (DB).
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 11-2 (1 male) 2695 Newland, Wheat Ridge (PE); 11-11 (3) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (DB); 11-12 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR).
 Sage Thrasher 11-5 (1) Aurora (DB).
 Cedar Waxwing 11-21 (10) Greeley (JC).
 Common Yellowthroat 11-10 (1) Rockmont College Campus, Lakewood (PH).
 White-throated Sparrow 11-10 (1 adult) Muir Springs Park (JC).
 Harris' Sparrow 11-10 (2 immatures) Muir Springs Park (JC); 11-10 (2) Clay Creek east of Lamar, Prowers Co. (DB); 11-11 (2) Dye Reservoir (DB).
 Yellow-headed Blackbird 11-26 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC).
 Cassin's Finch 11-12 (10) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR).
 Common Redpoll Numerous reports from various areas throughout northeastern Colorado (Barr Lake State Park, Muir Springs Park, Greeley, Crow Valley Campground at Briggsdale) all month (DB, JC, JH).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.

2. Individual reports must be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, if possible, and specific location.

3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.

4. IMPORTANT: Send your additional reports to: Jack Reddall
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1985

- JANUARY 5, Saturday. South Platte Urban. Leader: Lyle Jordan (770-1033). Meet at 8:00 AM, S. Federal & Bellevue, west side of King Soopers. ½ day. Lunch optional.
- 6, Sunday. Waterton area. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Carpool at 8:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hampden & Sheridan, southwest of May D&F. Meet at 8:30 AM at bridge in Waterton.*
- 12, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143). Meet at 7:30 AM at Prospect Park, 44th Ave west of Kipling (about Robb). ½ day. Lunch optional.
- ST. SCMP - 13, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: John Bregar (741-3941). Meet at 7:30 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, north of IMAX. You will need 1985 State Park Permit for your car.*
- 19, Saturday. Greeley area, Latham Reservoir. Leader: Jerry Cairo (no phone). Meet at 7:45 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, north of IMAX. Meet leader in Lincoln Park in Greeley, between 9th & 10th Ave. on Seventh St. Take US 85 to Greeley.*
- 20, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 8:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Hampden & Sheridan, southwest of May D&F.*
- 26, Saturday. Valmont Reservoir, Boulder area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 9:00 AM at International House of Pancakes, Baseline Rd. & Broadway, or carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th & Wadsworth at 8:15 AM.*
- 27, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 1:00 PM at Red Rocks Trading Post. Dress warm stay for Rosy Finches to roost about 4:00 PM.

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* Bring Lunch

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to:
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2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - white form vs. blue form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - Bullock's race vs. Baltimore race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., plains, foothills, mountains, alpine, etc.).
5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.
6. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

Compiling monthly data of Field Trips is an important but difficult and time-consuming task. Field Trip Leaders can assist greatly by adhering to the above instructions.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Susan Cable, 2878 South Ursula, Aurora, CO 80014 (750-8550).
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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 20, 1985, OR MEMBERS WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE D.F.O. ROLLS.

BIRDSEED AND FEEDER SALE

The Denver Audubon Society is holding a Midwinter Wild Birdseed and Feeder Sale, selling sunflower, sunflower chips, wild bird mix, millet, thistle, cracked corn, and bird bells as well as high quality field tested bird feeders. Your order must be postmarked by January 7, unless ordering seed only, which may be postmarked as late as January 14. Pick up your order Saturday, January 26 at Gates Energy Products parking lot southeast corner Mississippi Ave. and Lincoln St. between 9 AM and 3 PM. Call Denver Audubon office, 388-3277 to obtain order form.

BIRDWATCHING FOR BEGINNERS

The Denver Audubon Society will sponsor a class this spring for beginning bird watchers. The course features two Monday evening sessions of Feb. 25 and Mar. 18. There are 6 Saturday morning field trips from March 2nd - 23rd, and Apr. 13th & 20th to Denver-area birding places like Chatfield and Barr Lake State Parks, Red Rocks and Genessee Parks. Instructors are Urling and Hugh Kingery, who have taught the course for five years. Cost for the eight-session class is \$75. For course information, contact the Audubon office (399-3219) or register by sending a check for your tuition along with your name, address, and evening and daytime telephone numbers to Denver Audubon Society, 1720 Race St., Denver, CO 80206. The course objective is to teach beginners how to identify birds on their own. The class covers the basics of bird watching -- field guides and how to use them, equipment, and the birds.

DOUGLAS CO. 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COUNT

On December 30th, you can join in the Douglas Co. 3rd Annual Christmas Count which lasts from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This count covers Roxborough State Park, Loovers, Sedalia to Castlerock, Dawsco Buttes, Perry Park, Plum Creek, Jackson Creek, and Jarre Canyon. For information contact Carol Jon at 798-2332 or 455-8595, or Susie Trumbel at 973-8622 or 797-3986.

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